Almanac

FOR The Reformed Church

IN THE UNITED STATES

FOR THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

1888

QUESTION.—What is thy only comfort in life and death?

ANSWER.—That I, with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ, who, with His precious blood, hath fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me, that, without the will of my Heavenly Father, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation: and therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me sincerely willing and ready henceforth to live unto Him.

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Almanac for the Year of our Lord 1888,

BEING A LEAP YEAR OF 366 DAYS.

MOON'S SIGNS.			
New Moon.	First Quarter.	Full Moon.	Last Quarter.

PLANETS AND ASPECTS.			
♄ Saturn.	♂ Mars.	♀ Venus.	☽ Moon.
♃ Jupiter.	☉ Sun.	☿ Mercury.	♅ Herschel.

☌ Conjunction, or planets in the same longitude. | □ Quartile, when they are 90 degrees distant.
⊕ Sextile, when they are 60 degrees apart. | △ Trine, when they are 120 degrees distant.
☍ Opposition, when they are 180 degrees distant.

CHRONOLOGICAL CYCLES.

Dominical Letter,	A. G	Solar Cycle,	21
Golden Number, or Lunar Cycle,	8	Roman Indiction,	1
Epact,	17	Julian Period,	6601

The Jewish Era, with their 5649th year, commences 7th of September, 1888.
The Mohammedan Era, with their 1306th year, commences 7th of September, 1888.

MOVABLE FESTIVALS.

Septuagesima Sunday, Jan. 29.	Palm Sunday, March 25.	Trinity Sunday, May 27.
Quinquagesima Sunday, Feb. 12.	Easter Sunday, April 1.	Corpus Christi, May 31.
Shrove Tuesday, February 14.	Ascension or Holy Thurs., May 10.	First Sunday in Advent, Dec. 2.
Ash Wednesday, February 15.	Whit Sunday or Pentecost, May 20.	Sundays after Trinity are 26.

EMBER DAYS.

February 22. May 23. September 19. December 19.

THE FOUR SEASONS, OR CARDINAL POINTS.

Vernal Equinox,	Sun enters	♈	March 19th,	11	o'clock	17	minutes,	evening.
Summer Solstice,	"	"	♋	June 20th,	7	"	20	"	evening.
Autumnal Equinox,	"	"	♎	September 22d,	10	"	13	"	forenoon.
Winter Solstice,	"	"	♑	December 21st,	4	"	19	"	morning.

ECLIPSES FOR THE YEAR 1888.

There will be five Eclipses; three of the Sun and two of the Moon.

I. A Total Eclipse of the Moon, January 28, 6 o'clock 14 minutes in the evening. Visible generally throughout North and South America, Europe, Asia, and Africa.

II. A Partial Eclipse of the Sun, February 11, 6 o'clock 30 minutes in the evening. Invisible in North America, but visible in Southern part of South America and at the South Pole.

III. A Partial Eclipse of the Sun, July 9, 1 o'clock 27 minutes in the morning. Invisible in America; visible in the Indian Ocean.

IV. A Total Eclipse of the Moon, July 22, 11 o'clock 45 min. in the evening. Visible generally throughout North and South America and portions of Europe, Africa and the Pacific Ocean.

V. A Partial Eclipse of the Sun, August 7, 1 o'clock in the afternoon. Not visible in the United States; visible chiefly in the Arctic Ocean, Norway and Sweden, portions of Denmark and Greenland, and the extreme Northerly parts of North America.

Carefully calculated for the Meridian of Philadelphia by WILL. R. IBACH, *Newmanstown, Lebanon Co., Penn'a.*

JANUARY, *1st Month, 31 Days.* 1888.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
1] *New Year's Sunday.*		Luke 2: 15–21; Col. 2: 8–17.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 14 min.*				
Sunday 1	*New Year.*	1 Pet. 2: 12–19	7 25	♑ 22	☿ g. auf 3 50 ♓	4	7 23	4 37	2 42
Monday 2	Martyrs H. Scrip	John 1: 38–51	8 32	♒ 7	♃ ☌ ☿	4	7 23	4 37	3 19
Tuesday 3	Gordius	" 2:	9 38	♒ 21	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N. ☿ in Aphel.	5	7 23	4 37	4 9
Wednesday 4	Titus	" 3:	10 49	♓ 4	♄ south 1 30	5	7 22	4 38	4 55
Thursday 5	Simeon	" 4:	11 58	♓ 17	♄ □ ☉. ♄ ☌ ☽ ☊	6	7 22	4 38	5 42
Friday 6	*Epiphany*	" 5:	morn.	♈ 0	**6.** ♅ ☌ ☽. ♄ rises 11 59	6	7 21	4 39	6 22
Saturday 7	Wittekind	" 6: 1–25	12 42	♈ 13	♅ □ ☉ Sirius south 11 24	7	7 21	4 39	7 37
2] *First Sunday After Epiphany.*		Luke 2: 41–52; Rom. 12: 1–5.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 18 Min.*				
Sunday 8	Severinus	John 6: 26–71	1 35	♈ 26	☽ in Per. ☿ rises 4 3	7	7 21	4 39	8 35
Monday 9	Catharine Zell	" 7:	2 49	♈ 7	♃ ☌ ☽ ☿ ☌ ☽	7	7 20	4 40	9 33
Tuesday 10	Paul of Thebes	" 8: 1–20	3 52	♈ 19	♃ rises 1 31	8	7 20	4 40	10 32
Wednesday 11	Fructuosus	" 8: 21–50	4 58	♉ 1	♄ south 1 1 ♋	8	7 19	4 41	11 26
Thursday 12	J. Chastellian	" 9:	5 42	♉ 12	☿ ☌ ☽ 7* s'th 8 6	9	7 18	4 42	12 23
Friday 13	Hilary	" 10: 1–21	☽ sets	♉ 24	**13.** ♄ rises 11 51	9	7 17	4 43	1 22
Saturday 14	Felix	" 10: 22–42	6 29	♊ 6	Aldebaran south 8 42	9	7 17	4 43	2 12
3] *Second Sunday After Epiphany.*		John 2: 1–11; Rom. 12: 6–16.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 28 min.*				
Sunday 15	John a'Lasco	Mark 1: 1–20	7 37	♊ 18	☿ rises 4 10	10	7 16	4 44	2 54
Monday 16	Geo. Spalatine	" 1: 21–45	8 36	♊ 0	♃ rises 1 58	10	7 15	4 45	3 41
Tuesday 17	Anthony	" 2:	9 35	♊ 12	Orion south 9 53	10	7 14	4 46	4 32
Wednesday 18	John Blackader	" 3: 1–19	10 32	♊ 25	☿ ☌ ☉ superior	11	7 13	4 47	5 22
Thursday 19	Heid. Cat. 1563	" 3: 20–35	11 31	♋ 7	♄ rises 11 24 ♍	11	7 12	4 48	6 11
Friday 20	Fabian and Sebas'n	" 4:	morn.	♋ 20	**20.** ☉ tritt in ♒ ☽ in Apo.	11	7 11	4 49	6 55
Saturday 21	Agnes	" 5: 6: 1–16	12 6	♌ 3	Rigel south 8 54	12	7 11	4 49	7 36
4] *Third Sunday After Epiphany.*		Matt. 8: 1–13; Rom. 12: 17–21.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 40 min.*				
Sunday 22	Vincent	Mark 6: 7–29	12 58	♌ 17	Cappella south 8 48	12	7 10	4 50	8 27
Monday 23	Isaiah	" 6: 30–56	1 20	♍ 0	♄ ☍ ☉. Spica rises 11 29	12	7 9	4 51	9 33
Tuesday 24	Timothy	" 7: 1–23	2 23	♍ 15	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S. Sirius S. 10 10 ♓	12	7 8	4 52	10 15
Wednesday 25	*Paul's Conversion*	" 7: 24–37	3 29	♎ 0	♃ rises 1 48	13	7 7	4 53	10 55
Thursday 26	Polycarp	" 8:	4 36	♎ 15	♄ rises 11 4	13	7 6	4 54	11 34
Friday 27	Jno. Chrysostom	" 9:	5 40	♎ 1	7* south 7 00	13	7 5	4 55	12 24
Saturday 28	Charlemagne	" 10: 1–31	☽ rises	♎ 16	**28.** ♄ ☌ ☽. ♄ south 11 48	13	7 4	4 56	1 15
5] *Septuagesima Sunday.*		Matt. 20: 1–16; 1 Cor. 9: 24–27; 10: 1–5.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 54 min.*				
Sunday 29	Juventine	Luke 3:	6 16	♎ 1	☿ rises 4 17	13	7 3	4 57	1 55
Monday 30	Henry Müller	" 4:	7 35	♎ 15	Arctur rises 10 8	14	7 2	4 58	2 42
Tuesday 31	Hans Sachs	" 5:	8 35	♎ 29	Orion south 8 50	14	7 1	4 59	3 33

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter, 6th, 6 o'clock, 42 minutes, morning.
New Moon, 13th, 3 " 38 " "
First Quarter, 20th, 11 " 49 " evening.
Full Moon, 28th, 6 " 18 " "

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, clear; 4, 5, 6, N. W. wind; 7, 8, 9, clear; 10, 11, variable; 12, 13, 14, cloudy and snow; 15, 16, clear and cold; 17, 18, fair; 19, 20, clear and cold; 21, 22, 23, cloudy; 24, 25, clear; 26, 27, 28, snow; 29, 30, 31, clear.

(♄). Saturn is in opposition with the Sun on the 23d, and shines all night.

THE NEW YEAR.

O GLAD New Year, O glad New Year!
Dawn brightly on us all,
And bring us hope, our hearts to cheer,
Whatever may befall.
On thee, Old Year, O past Old Year
Our lingering look we cast,
Ere thou dost all our actions bear
Into the shadowy past.

Life passes—passes like a dream!
And yet we, looking back,
See many a golden sunny gleam
Upon the Old Year's track.
And, looking forward, can we doubt
That there shall yet be gleams
Of sunshine o'er us, and about
Us many radiant beams.

Then welcome, welcome, glad New Year!
Dawn brightly on us all,
And bring us hope, our hearts to cheer,
Whatever may befall.
Bring patience, comfort, gladness, rest,
Bring blessings from above;
Bring happiness—the highest, best,—
To us and those we love."

A CHRISTIAN HOME.

No families are so truly blessed as Christian families. No one can be such a blessing in a family as a Christian. Those who are parents wish their children well, and they would be the means of blessing them; but in no other way can they bless them so essentially as by being consistent and faithful Christians in their daily intercourse with them. That is an interesting scene in David's home, as well as in his public life, when, in connection with the removal of the ark from the house of Obed-edom, after he had been piously engaged during the day, it is recorded of him, "Then David returned to bless his household." So every parent should bless his or her household, as may be done by maintaining family religion, and properly attending to the religious interests of all belonging to the family circle. See to it, O parent, that you are blessing your home by doing all you can to make it a Christian home.

☞WHEN we meet with the little vexatious incidents of life by which our quiet is too often disturbed, it will prevent many painful sensations, if we only consider how insignificant this will appear a twelve month hence.

EPIPHANY.

THIS is a festival of the Church. It is observed on the sixth day of January. The word means *manifestation*. It commemorates our Lord's different manifestations of His power and glory.

☞THE best food for us is that which suits us. If we improve most on the twenty-third Psalm let us take it, but if the eleventh of Matthew do us more good, let us take that.

☞WHY do Christian people read so eagerly the daily and weekly newspapers, and pay so little attention to the good tidings which the Gospel proclaims, and find it so wearisome to read the papers that tell about Christ and the Church? Ye who read this, examine yourselves on this question. Making all allowance for the evil inclinations of the flesh, is it not a shame that the professed followers of Christ are so much like the world and so much of the world? The sin that is in us does indeed account for the evil, but it does not furnish any excuse for tolerating it in our hearts and lives. The flesh leans to the temporal and sinful, but believers in Jesus crucify the flesh with its affections and lusts; and if men live after the flesh, even though they profess to be believers in Christ, they shall die. Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness: how can ye escape if ye neglect so great salvation?

☞THERE is an old story about a man who carried two bags slung across his shoulder: in the one that hung behind him he put all his own faults, and in the one in front those of other people. It is apt to be true of all that they notice the faults of others, and forget about and easily excuse their own. Shall we not all see whether we are carrying bags in this way? And if we find that we are, shall we not try to turn them around; so that other people's faults may be behind our backs, but our own before us, where we can see them plainly, and try to get rid of them?

☞YESTERDAY is yours no longer: to-morrow may be never yours; but to-day is yours, the living present yours, and in the living present you may stretch forward to the things that are before.

EACH day we need to seek in prayer,
Our Heavenly Father's watchful care!

FEBRUARY, *2d Month, 29 Days.* 1888.

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Wednesday	1	Ignatius	Luke 6: 1–19	9 38	♑ 13	☽ in Per. Sirius south 9 40 ♒	14	7 0	5 0	4 28
Thursday	2	*Purificat'n of Vir.*	" 5: 20–49	10 50	♑ 26	☿ ☌ ☽. Arctur rises 9 56 ♌	14	6 59	5 1	5 30
Friday	3	Ansgar	" 7:	11 55	♒ 9	♄ ☌ ☽. ♄ rises 10 41	14	6 58	5 2	6 32
Saturday	4	Rhaban. Maurus	" 8:	morn.	♒ 21	**4.** ♃ ☌ ☽. ♃ rises 1 30	14	6 56	5 4	7 34

6] *Sexagesima Sunday.* Luke 8: 4–15; 2 Cor. 11: 19–33; 12: 1–9. *Day's Length, 10 h'rs, 10 min.*

Sunday	5	P. J. Spener	Luke 9: 1–36	12 50	♓ 3	Antares rises 3 42	14	6 55	5 5	8 29
Monday	6	Amandus	" 9: 37–62	1 47	♓ 15	♄ south 11 10	14	6 54	5 6	9 25
Tuesday	7	George Wagner	" 10:	2 44	♓ 27	♒ Spica rises 10 27	14	6 53	5 7	10 17
Wednesday	8	Maria Andreæ	" 11: 1–36	3 36	♈ 9	☿ ☌ ☽. ☿ rises 4 25	14	6 52	5 8	10 46
Thursday	9	John Hooper	" 11: 37; 12: 1-12	4 30	♈ 21	7* south 6 10 .	14	6 51	5 9	11 35
Friday	10	F. C. Oetinger	" 12: 13–59	5 2	♉ 3	♄ rises 10 22	15	6 50	5 10	12 27
Saturday	11	H. de St. Victor	" 13: 1–21	☽ sets 2	♉ 15	**11.** Procyon south 9 52	15	6 48	5 12	1 16

7] *Quinquagesima Sunday.* Luke 18: 31–43; 1 Cor. 13: 1–13. *Day's Length, 10 hours, 26 min.*

Sunday	12	Lady Jane Grey	Luke 13: 22–35	6 25	♉ 27	☿ in ♌ Antares rises 3 14	15	6 47	5 13	2 1
Monday	13	C. F. Schwartz	" 14:	7 36	♊ 9	☿ ☌ ☽. Orion so. 7 59	14	6 46	5 14	2 46
Tuesday	14	*Shrove Tuesday*	" 15:	8 39	♊ 21	♃ rises 12 51	14	6 45	5 15	3 21
Wednesday	15	*Ash Wednesday*	" 16:	9 30	♋ 4	♀ rises 4 33 ♍	14	6 44	5 16	4 5
Thursday	16	Matth. Desübas	" 17: 1–19	10 11	♋ 17	Nep. □ ☉ ☿ in Peri.	14	6 43	5 17	4 52
Friday	17	Pat. Hamilton	" 17: 20–37	11 14	♌ 0	☽ in apo. ☿ gr. elong. E. ☿ sets 6 4	14	6 42	5 18	5 36
Saturday	18	Simeon of Jerus.	" 18: 1–30	11 59	♌ 15	Andromeda sets 9 42	14	6 40	5 20	6 22

8] *First Sunday in Lent.* Matt. 4: 1–11; 2 Cor. 6: 1–10. *Day's Length, 10 hours, 42 min.*

Sunday	19	Mesrob	Luke 18: 31; 19: 1-28	morn.	♌ 27	**19.** Nep ☌ ☽. ☉ ent. ♓	14	6 39	5 21	7 7
Monday	20	Sadoth	" 19: 29; 20: 1-18	12 22	♍ 11	♄ south 10 11	14	6 38	5 22	7 50
Tuesday	21	Meinrab	" 20: 9; 21: 1- 4	1 48	♍ 25	♄ rises 9 51 ♒	14	6 36	5 24	8 35
Wednesday	22	*Ember Day*	" 21: 5–35	2 49	♎ 10	Pollux south 9 32	14	6 35	5 25	9 20
Thursday	23	B. Ziengenbalg	" 22: 1–30	3 27	♎ 25	☿ stationary. Spica rises 9 24	14	6 33	5 27	10 5
Friday	24	Matthias	" 22: 31–71	4 17	♏ 9	♃ □ ☉. ♄ ☌ ☽. 7* sets 12 38	14	6 32	5 28	10 50
Saturday	25	Casp. Olevianus	" 23:	4 52	♏ 24	♃ rises 12 12	13	6 31	5 29	11 35

9] *Second Sunday in Lent.* Matt. 15: 21–28; 1 Thes. 4: 1–8. *Day's Length, 11 hours, 0 min.*

Sunday	26	Berthold Haller	Mark 10: 32–52	5 39	♐ 11	♀ rises 4 41	13	6 30	5 30	12 42
Monday	27	Martin Bucer	" 11:	☽ rises	♐ 23	**27.** ☿ gr. Hel. Lat N.	13	6 29	5 31	1 20
Tuesday	28	Jno. de Mon. Corv.	" 12:	7 26	♑ 7	♀ ☌ ♉ Regulus south 11 2	13	6 28	5 32	2 9
Wednesday	29	Ethelbert	" 13:	8 32	♑ 21	☽ in Per. ♅ ☌ ☽ ♄ s'th 9 33 ♌	13	6 27	5 33	2 52

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter,	4th,	2 o'clock,	25	minutes,	afternoon.
New Moon,	11th,	6 "	52	"	evening.
First Quarter,	19th,	8 "	59	"	"
Full Moon,	27th,	6 "	57	"	morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, cloudy, with rain; 3, 4, 5, coldest days; 6, 7 8, snow; 9, 10, clear and cold; 12, 13, 14, variable; 15, 16, rain; 17, 18, clear. 19, 20, 21, rain and snow; 22, 23, 24, 25, fair; 26, 27, 28, windy; 29, mild.

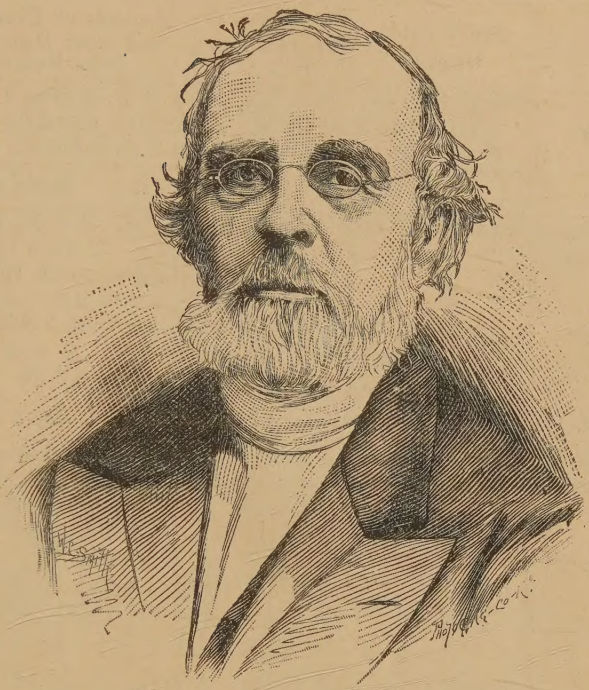
THE REFORMED CHURCH. ITS ORIGIN.

"THE reaction against the teaching of the Catholic Church, known as the Reformation, took its rise in Switzerland under the leadership of Zwingli, and in Germany under that of Luther. These men began to preach about the same time, each without knowledge of what the other was doing. Nor did they at first disagree; but gradually it became evident that their views concerning the Lord's Supper diverged widely. Hence a controversy arose, and the Reformation resolved itself into two branches. The one prevailing chiefly in the German States took the name of Luther; the other prevailing in Switzerland, in France and in the Netherlands, from which countries it extended into England, Scotland and Wales, was styled 'Reformed.'

"Thus arose many reformed churches, all holding the same belief concerning the Lord's Supper, in distinction from Luther and his co-workers These churches were distinguished from one another by the name of the country to which each belonged. One was the Reformed Church of France; another was the Reformed Church of the Netherlands; another, the Reformed Church of Scotland. The doctrine and discipline of all was shaped principally by John Calvin, of Geneva, 1509 and 1564, who developed and perfected the doctrines of Zwingli.

"The Reformed church of the Palatinate, Germany, was organized in 1563 through the agency of its civil ruler, the Elector Frederick III. The province had accepted the Reformation in 1546, the type of doctrine being Lutheran; but in 1559, when Frederick ascended the throne, a hot controversy was in progress between the professors and divines of Heidelberg concerning the Lord's Supper. After four days of public discussion of the question, in 1560 the elector accepted the Calvinistic doctrine and passed over to the Reformed Church. By this transition from the sacramental system of Luther to the sacramental system of Calvin, the Palatinate (now a part of the Grand Duchy of Baden), gave birth to the Reformed Church of Germany.

"Subsequently, when terrific persecutions wasted their native land, these Palatines of the Reformed faith, with other refugees from Alsace and France, migrated to the American colonies in the beginning of the last century, and laid the foundation of the Reformed Church from Germany in the new world, now known as the Reformed Church in the United States."



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THE BOUNTIES OF GOD.

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! in wisdom hast Thou made them all: the earth is full of Thy riches.

—Ps. civ. 24.

O Thou of all goodness the source and the cause,
O Thou of all blessings the end,
The seasons, fulfilling Thy wondrous laws
To boundless beneficence tend.
Let the chorus of hills wake a glorious strain,
Let the autumn respond to the spring,
Let the nations rejoice in the harvest again,
And endless beneficence sing.

Praised be the Lord daily, even the Lord that helpeth us and poureth His blessings upon us. Blessed be the name of His Majesty forever, and let all the earth be filled with His glory.

DRAWBACKS IN CHURCH-WORK.

No one can have taken an active interest in religious activity for any length of time without noticing that nearly every undertaking is apt to have its period of seeming failure or at least of painfully slow progress. Unforeseen obstacles crop up here and there. Where rapid advancement was looked-for a distressing halt has to be called.

Yet these things ought not altogether to discourage us. What business undertaking pursues its way with unchanging smoothness? There are ups and downs all through life. Yet the business man only redoubles his efforts, because of the difficulty of his projects. He tries again and again. He looks at the matter from this side and that, to see if perhaps an improvement may be made in the method of his operations. If there is a shadow of a probability of success, he does not give up.

And should it not be so also in our work for the Lord in His Church? When we think of our debt of gratitude, the debt we so willingly recognize in our more hopeful moods, and which we are then so anxious to repay, how can we become inactive, or how can we yield to discouragement merely because this or that hope has been shattered?

MARCH, *3d Month, 31 Days.* 1888.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER, Phila. h. m.
Thursday 1	Suidbert	Mark 14: 1–54	9 42	♌ 4	♄ ☌ ☽. ♄ rises 9 22 ♋	13	6 25	5 35	3 40
Friday 2	John Wesley	" 14: 55; 15: 1-15	10 58	♌ 17	Antares sets 8 56	12	6 23	5 37	4 49
Saturday 3	Balthilde	" 15: 16–47	11 59	♌ 29	☿ ☌ ☉ inferior.	12	6 22	5 38	5 37

10. *Third Sunday in Lent.* Luke 11: 14–28; Eph. 5: 1–9. *Day's Length, 11 hours, 20 min.*

Sunday 4	George Wishart	Matt. 20: 17–33	morn.	♍ 11	**4.** ♃ ☌ ☽. ♄ stationary.	12	6 20	5 40	6	36
Monday 5	Thomas Aquinas	" 21:	12 29	♍ 23	♃ rises 11 53	12	6 18	5 42	7	39
Tuesday 6	Fridolin	" 22:	1 28	♎ 5	Regulus south 10 51 ♒	11	6 17	5 43	8	38
Wednesday 7	Perpetua	" 23:	2 24	♎ 17	♄ south 9 4	11	6 16	5 44	9	39
Thursday 8	Zach. Ursinus	" 24: 1–31	3 23	♎ 29	Sirius south 7 24	11	6 14	5 46	10	40
Friday 9	Cyrillus and Methodius	" 24: 32–51	4 17	♏ 11	♀ ☌ ☽. ♀ rises 4 49	11	6 13	5 47	11	37
Saturday 10	40 Martyrs of Seb.	" 25:	5 3	♏ 23	Spica rises 8 28	10	6 12	5 48	12	13

11] *Fourth Sunday in Lent.* John 6: 1–14; Gal. 4: 21–31. *Day's Length, 11 hours, 40 min.*

Sunday 11	Wm. Hoseus.	Matt. 26: 1–13	5 40	♏ 5	☿ ☌ ☽ Rigel sets 11 12	10	6 10	5 50	12	51
Monday 12	Greg. the Great	" 26: 14–35	☽ sets	♏ 18	**12.** ♂* sets 11.39 ♉	10	6 9	5 51	1	21
Tuesday 13	Rudericus	" 26: 36–56	6 54	♐ 1	♄ rises 8 38	9	6 7	5 53	2	50
Wednesday 14	Matilda	" 26: 57; 27: 1-2	7 50	♐ 14	Orion sets 12 38	9	6 6	5 54	2	50
Thursday 15	Thos. Cranmer	" 27: 3–31	8 49	♐ 27	♃ rises 11 43	9	6 5	5 55	3	39
Friday 16	Heribert	" 27: 32–50	9 31	♑ 10	☽ in apo. ♀ rises 4 41	9	6 3	5 57	4	30
Saturday 17	Patrick	" 27: 51–56	10 26	♑ 24	☿ stationary. Nep. ☌ ☽	8	6 2	5 58	5	18

12] *Fifth Sunday in Lent.* John 8: 46–59; Heb. 9: 11–15. *Day's Length, 11 hours, 58 min.*

Sunday 18	Alexander of Jerus.	John 11:	11 19	♒ 8	Wega rises 9 52	8	6 1	5 59	6	10
Monday 19	Mary and Martha	" 12:	morn.	♒ 22	☉ ☰ ♈ Day and Night equal. ♋	8	6 0	6 0	6	53
Tuesday 20	Ambrose of Sien.	" 13: 1–30	12 20	♓ 6	**20.** Spring begins	7	5 59	6 1	7	40
Wednesday 21	Benedict of Nursia	" 13: 31; 14: 1–38	1 22	♓ 20	☿ in ♉ Aldebaran sets 11 22	7	5 58	6 2	8	29
Thursday 22	Nich. v. d. Flüe	" 15:	2 20	♈ 4	♃ stationary. ♄ ☌ ☽	7	5 57	6 3	9	14
Friday 23	Wolfgang	" 16:	3 13	♈ 19	♃ rises 11 27	7	5 56	6 4	9	50
Saturday 24	Florentius	" 17:	3 59	♉ 3	♀ rises 4 41	6	5 54	6 6	10	53

13] *Palm Sunday.* John 12: 1–16; Phil. 2: 5–10. *Day's Length, 12 hours, 14 min.*

Sunday 25	*Ann. Vir. Mary*	Lam. Jeremiah	4 43	♉ 17	♄ south 7 52	6	5 53	6 7	11	32
Monday 26	Liudger	Heb. 8:	5 21	♊ 1	Regulus south 9 37	6	5 52	6 8	12	27
Tuesday 27	Rupertus	" 9:	☽ rises	♊ 15	**27.** ☿ ☌ ♀ ♌	5	5 50	6 10	1	15
Wednesday 28	John von Goch	" 10:	7 23	♊ 29	☽ in Per. ♄ ☌ ☽. ♄ rises 7 40	5	5 49	6 11	2	6
Thursday 29	*Maundy Thursd'y*	John 6:	8 37	♋ 12	Altair rises 12 42	5	5 48	6 12	3	1
Friday 30	*Good Friday*	Luke 23: 32–49	9 38	♋ 25	☿ gr. elong. W. ☿ rises 5 2	5	5 47	6 13	3	46
Saturday 31	Ernest the Pious	Heb. 4:	10 40	♌ 7	♃ ☌ ☽. ☿ in Aphel. ♒	4	5 46	6 14	4	28

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter,	4th,	10	o'clock,	25	minutes,	evening.
New Moon,	12th,	11	"	21	"	forenoon.
First Quarter,	20th,	3	"	43	"	evening.
Full Moon,	27th,	5	"	7	"	"

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, 4, clear and cold; 5, 6, 7, mild; 8, 9, cloudy; 10, snow; 11, 12, cold and variable; 13, 14, 15, rain; 16, 17, 18, variable; 19, 20, 21, fair; 22, 23, 24, rain; 25, 26, fair; 27, 28, 29, stormy; 30, 31, clear.

THE TRI-SYNODIC BOARD.

THIS Board of Home Missions represents the three English Synods of the East (Eastern, Pittsburg and Potomac), and has under its care about fifty missions, scattered over Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, California, Oregon, Washington Territory, Kansas, Iowa and Missouri.

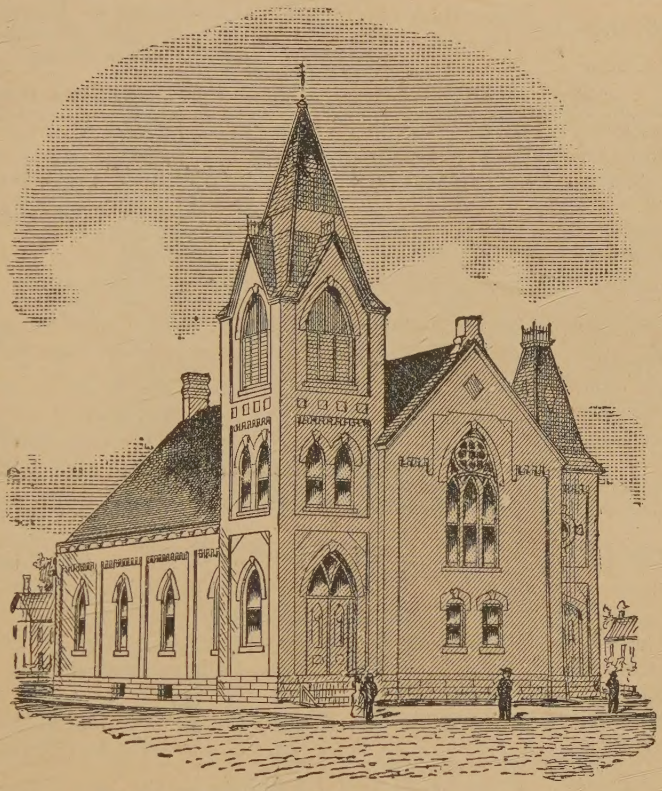
For the support of these missions and for aiding them to build their churches, the Board should have from twenty to thirty thousand dollars this year. In the past several years the Board has been greatly hampered for want of funds. Oh that our people understood the matter, how differently they would give!

☞MANY persons only have the gospel on or about them, not in them, and in some trying time it is torn away; indeed, it may even fall off of itself, like rags that have decayed into shreds and tatters.

☞THIS is the way a certain subscriber "supported a paper." We are sorry to say that occasionally one is found, professing to be religious, who acts in a manner very similar:

"The editor presented a bill for eight years' back subscription. The subscriber was first amazed, then indignant. He put on his spectacles, scrutinized the bill, and, after assuring himself that it was genuine, exclaimed: 'I've been supportin' this yere paper for nigh onto eight years, and I never had no such thing as that flung at me before. I'll stop supportin' it.' He not only withdrew his valuable support, but failed to pay the bill."

☞IF a member is bent on running your church, let him run, only keep him in the right track. If he takes a notion not to do that, then cut the traces. But so long as he is headed in the right direction, don't be too particular about his gait or paces.



GRACE REFORMED CHURCH, ABILENE, KANSAS.
REV. T. F. STAUFFER, PASTOR.

HOW TO INTEREST OTHERS.

IF you want to make your missionary meeting interesting, follow these rules:—

1.) Be quite interested yourself.

2.) Prepare your part well.

3.) Be careful to quit in good time.

HOME OR FOREIGN.

WE say Home Missions and Foreign Missions, but the Bible does not; it speaks only of missions—in all the world.

One says: "I take no interest in home missions, but I am strong for foreign missions."

Another says: "We have enough heathen at home; why shall I send my money abroad?"

Both are wrong. Our Lord says nothing about either home or foreign but commands us to go everywhere.

Therefore we have no right to divide the world into two parts and take an interest in one to the neglect of the other. As He loved the world, all men, so we must do. Your interest in the work of missions must be as broad as your prayer, "thy kingdom come," not denominational but world-wide, not for home work or for foreign work but for souls. We must not be narrow but speak, pray and work from a broad view of things.

☞THERE are two things for which we should go to the Lord's house. One is to hear the Lord's word, the other is to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. These are the two things that should move us. When these are wanting as motives, all the rest would be vain. Not the eloquence of the preacher or the attractive topics that he selects for discussion must induce us to go, but the Gospel, whether it be preached with much or with little human skill; and not the beauty of the singing or the eloquence of the form in praise and prayer, but the praise and prayer itself, whether the form be beautiful or homely, must lead us to the church. It is the Lord's house: let us go there to hear and worship Him.

APRIL, *4th Month, 30 Days.* 1888.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
14] *Easter Sunday.*		John 20: 1–10; Col. 3: 1–11.			*Day's Length, 12 hours, 30 min.*				
Sunday 1	*Easter Sunday*	Matt. 28:	11 42	♌ 19	♃ rises 11 4 ♋	4 5	45 6	15 5	55
Monday 2	*Easter Monday*	Luke 24: 1–12	morn.	♌ 1	☿ in aphelion. ♍	4 5	44 6	16 6	38
Tuesday 3	Gerh. Tersteegen	Acts 2: 22–47	12 3	♌ 13	**3.** ♄ south 7 16	3 5	42 6	18 7	32
Wednesday 4	Ambrose	1 Cor. 15:	2 2	♌ 25	♀ rises 4 34	3 5	41 6	19 8	16
Thursday 5	Christ. Scriver	Rom. 6:	2 0	♍ 7	Sirius south 8 42	3 5	40 6	20 8	59
Friday 6	Albert Durer	" 8:	2 37	♍ 19	♄ rises 6 47	2 5	38 6	22 9	43
Saturday 7	Oluf Petersen	1 Cor. 3:	3 37	♍ 1	Spica rises 8 40	2 5	37 6	23 10	42
15] *First Sunday After Easter.*		John 20: 19–31; 1 John 5: 4–12.			*Day's Length, 12 hours, 48 min.*				
Sunday 8	Mt. Chemnitz	John 1:	4 11	♎ 13	♅ ♂ ☉. ♀ ♁ ☽. 7* sets 10 00	2 5	36 6	24 11	32
Monday 9	Thos. v. Westen	" 2:	4 42	♎ 26	♃ rises 10 58	1 5	35 6	25 12	22
Tuesday 10	Fulbert	" 3:	5 18	♏ 9	♀ rises 4 29 ♉	1 5	33 6	27 1	23
Wednesday 11	Leo the Great	" 4:	☽ sets	♏ 22	**11.** Regulus south 8 40	1 5	32 6	28 1	59
Thursday 12	Saba	" 5:	7 50	♐ 6	☽ in apo. ♄ ♂ ☉	1 5	31 6	29 2	42
Friday 13	Justin Martyr	" 6: 1–40	8 49	♐ 20	Wega rises 8 19	Sun 5	29 6	31 3	33
Saturday 14	John Eccard	" 6: 41–71	9 45	♑ 4	☿ ♁ ♀. Orion ♒ 10 44	5	28 6	32 4	13
16] *Second Sunday After Easter.*		John 10: 11–16; 1 Peter 2: 20–25.			*Day's Length, 13 hours, 6 min.*				
Sunday 15	Simon Dach	John 7:	10 43	♑ 18	Antares rises 10 22	fast 5	27 6	33 4	58
Monday 16	Peter Waldo	" 8: 1–30	11 24	♒ 2	♀ rises 4 23 ♋	6 5	26 6	34 5	50
Tuesday 17	Mappalicus	" 8: 31–50	morn.	♒ 17	♃ rises 10 23	6 5	24 6	36 6	45
Wednesday 18	Luther at Worms	" 9:	12 26	♓ 1	Sirius sets 9 55	0 5	23 6	37 7	41
Thursday 19	Melancthon	" 10:	1 18	♓ 15	**19.** ♄ □ ☉. ♄ ♂ ☽	1 5	22 6	38 8	37
Friday 20	Jno. Bugenhagen	" 11:	2 12	♓ 29	♄ sets 1 22	1 5	21 6	39 9	31
Saturday 21	Anselm of Cant.	" 12:	2 52	♈ 13	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S. ☉ ☍ ♉	1 5	19 6	41 10	21
17] *Third Sunday After Easter.*		John 16: 16–22; 1 Peter 2: 11–19.			*Day's Length, 13 hours, 24 min.*				
Sunday 22	Origen	John 13: 14:	3 25	♈ 24	Aldebaran sets 9 24	1 5	18 6	42 11	15
Monday 23	George of Capp.	" 15:	3 59	♉ 11	♀ rises 4 20	2 5	17 6	43 11	57
Tuesday 24	Wilfrid	" 16: 17:	4 37	♉ 24	♄ ♂ ☽. ♄ s'th 10 50 ♌	2 5	16 6	44 12	52
Wednesday 25	St. Mark, Evang.	" 18:	5 1	♊ 7	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	2 5	15 6	45 1	22
Thursday 26	Trudpert	" 19:	☽ rises	♊ 20	**26.** ☽ in Per.	2 5	14 6	46 1	58
Friday 27	Otto Catelin	" 20:	8 30	♋ 3	♃ ♂ ☽. ♃ rises 9 52	2 5	12 6	48 2	40
Saturday 28	Fred. Myconius	" 21:	9 34	♋ 5	Rigel sets 8 15	3 5	11 6	49 3	22
18] *Fourth Sunday After Easter.*		John 16: 5–15; James 1: 16–21.			*Day's Length, 13 hours, 40 min.*				
Sunday 29	L. v. Berquin	Heb: 1: 2:	10 36	♌ 27	♄ sets 12 57	3 5	10 6	50 4	12
Monday 30	Geo. Calixtus	" 3: 4:	11 38	♍ 9	Wega rises 7 15	3 5	9 6	51 4	58

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter,	3d,	7	o'clock,	41	minutes, morning.
New Moon,	11th,	4	"	7	" "
First Quarter,	19th,	6	"	52	" "
Full Moon,	26th,	1	"	22	" "

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, pleasant; 3, 4, 5, stormy and cloudy; 6, 7, rain; 8, 9, 10, fair; 11, 12, 13, rain; 14, 15, 16, clear; 17, 18, 19, stormy; 20, 21, 22, warm; 24, 25, rain; 26, 27, 28, fair; 29, 30, cloudy.

(♂). Mars is in opposition with the Sun on the 12th, and shines all night.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF OUR CHURCH TO FOREIGN MISSIONS.

From the Beginning until Date

There was collected in the Reformed Church, and paid over by the several Treasurers of her Foreign Mission Board, to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, from October 13th, 1840, to October 9th, 1865, $27,986.99.

To this must be added the contributions, in subsequent years to the German Evangelical Foreign Missionary Society of New York, made by direction of Reformed Synod, viz:

Interest on fund in the hands of the Treasurer of Board of Foreign Missions of Reformed Church, in all, $483.02; Contributions received from Church at large, $496.79, making $979.81. Total up to April 20th, 1875, $28,966.80.

Rev. Benjamin Schneider, a member of Maryland Classis, was a missionary of the A. B. C. F. Missions in 1833, labored in Broosa, Asia Minor, then in Aintab, Syria, and finally at Marsooan.

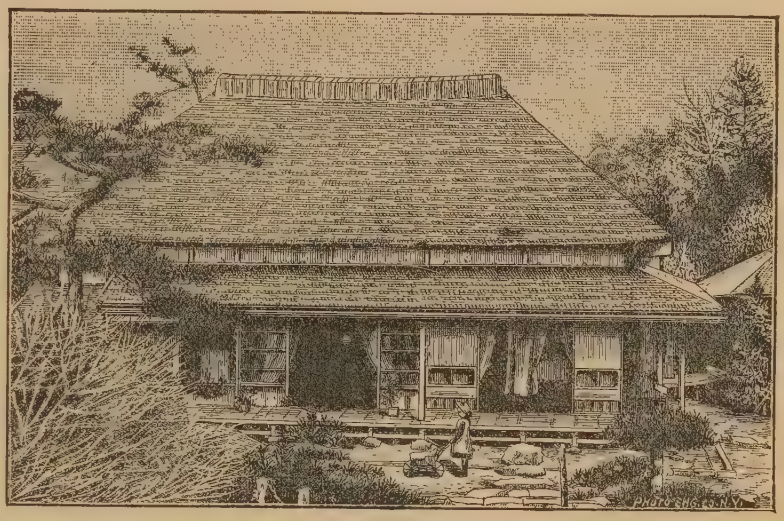
Contributions received by the Treasurer for use of our own Mission work, from April 20, 1875 to and including August 31, 1887:

From April 20, 1875 to Nov. 1, 1876,	$	172 89
" Nov. 1, 1876 to Nov. 1, 1877,		170 67
" Nov. 1, 1877 to July 10, 1878,		52 49
" July 10, 1878 to July 1, 1879,		918 10
" July 1, 1879 to July 1, 1880,		2,384 05
" July 1, 1880 to July 1, 1881,		6,315 33
" July 1, 1881 to July 1, 1882,		3,561 32
" July 1, 1882 to July 1, 1883,		4,715 51
" July 1, 1883 to May 6, 1884,—10 months,		4,583 70
" May 6, 1884 to Dec. 31, 1884,—8 months,		5,832 17
" Jan. 1, 1885 to Dec. 31, 1885,		8,933 22
" Jan. 1, 1886 to Dec. 31, 1886,		10,005 00
" Jan. 1, 1887 to Aug. 31, 1887,—8 months,		9,918 04
		$57,562 49

The amount realized from the sale of the Mission House Certificates during the year July 1, 1880, to July 1, 1881, accounts for the comparatively large sum received in that year. So also from May 6, 1884, to Dec. 31, 1884, a large amount was received from the sale of the pictures of the school-house and preaching-place at Nihon Bashi in Tokio.

A noticeable feature also in the foregoing table, is the fact, that from October 9, 1865 to 1879, while we had no foreign missionary of our own, and while controversy agitated our Church, very little was given to the cause.

The Peace Commission met in November, 1879, and happily laid the basis of peace; and the Church received a new baptism of zeal. In the *eight years and two months* following their meeting, she gave $56,248.34, while in the *thirty-nine years* previous to that time, she gave only $30,275.95.



HOME OF MISSES POORBAUGH AND AULT; LADY MISSIONARIES, SENDAI, JAPAN.
Kitty, niece of Miss Poorbaugh, playing in front of the house.

Amount contributed to American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions towards support of Central Turkey Mission, from October 13, 1840, to October 9, 1865,		$27,986 99
To German Evangelical Foreign Missionary Society for Mission at Bisrampore, India,		979 81
From April 20, 1875, to July 1, 1879, with a view to established a Reformed Mission in Japan, controlled by our Foreign Board,	$ 1,309 15	
For support of our Mission in Japan from July 1, 1879, to August 31, 1887,	56,248 34	
		57,557 49
		$86,524 29

It should be remembered that although we did not have the Central Turkey Mission under our care, but contributed to the support of only one Missionary employed there by the American Board, Rev. Benjamin Schneider, the results of his labors have not been excelled by those of any other Missionary in the foreign field. The localities in which he taught and preached have been most signally blessed, and in the providence of God, the Reformed Church has been greatly honored, in that, the Lord chose one of her ministers and made him the instrument of accomplishing so much good.

Our Missionaries landed at Yokohama, Japan, viz:

Rev. Ambrose D. Gring and wife, June 1, 1879.
Rev. Jairus P. Moore and wife, October 1, 1884.
Rev. William E. Hoy, December 1, 1885.
Miss Mary B. Ault, } July 1, 1886.
Miss Lizzie R. Poorbaugh, }

The success attending their efforts during the short time they have been on the ground, is truly remarkable and encouraging and calls for devout gratitude to God and renewed consecration of our whole Church membership to the blessed work of Foreign Missions.

MAY, *5th Month, 31 Days.* 1888.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Tuesday	1 Philip and James	Heb. 5: 6:	morn.	♑ 21	☽ 7* sets 8 32 ♋	3 5	8	6 52	5 51
Wednesday	2 Athanasius	" 7:	12 17	♒ 3	**2.** Arctur ☍ 11 31	3 5	7	6 53	6 47
Thursday	3 Monica	" 8:	1 2	♒ 15	♄ south 10 5	3 5	6	6 54	7 13
Friday	4 Florin	" 9:	1 43	♒ 27	♀ rises 4 10	3 5	4	6 56	8 35
Saturday	5 Fred'k the Wise	" 10:	2 18	♓ 9	☿ ☌ ♀ Spica south 10 27	3 5	3	6 57	9 12
19] *Fifth Sunday After Easter.*		John 16: 23–33; James 1: 22–27.				*Day's Length, 13 hours, 56 min.*			
Sunday	6 John of Damasc.	Heb. 11:	2 50	♓ 21	♄ sets 12 27	4 5	2	6 58	9 57
Monday	7 Flav. Domatilla	" 12:	3 19	♈ 4	Orion sets 8 20 ♍	4 5	1	6 59	10 47
Tuesday	8 Stanislaus	" 13:	3 47	♈ 17	Sirius sets 8 40	4 5	0	7	11 42
Wednesday	9 Greg. Nazianzen	John 14:	4 39	♉ 1	☽ in Apo. ♀ ☌ ☽	4 4	59	7	1 12 31
Thursday	10 *Ascension Day*	Col. 2: Eph. 4:	☽ sets	♉ 15	**10.** ☿ ☌ ♎ ☿ ☌ ☉ superior	4 4	58	7	2 1 15
Friday	11 John Arndt	John 15:	7 42	♉ 29	Aldebaran sets 8 10	4 4	57	7	3 1 57
Saturday	12 Meletius	" 16:	8 35	♊ 14	♀ rises 4 2	4 4	56	7	4 2 20
20] *Sixth Sunday After Easter.*		John 15: 26; 16: 1; 1 Peter 4: 7–11.				*Day's Length, 14 hours, 10 min.*			
Sunday	13 Servatius	1 John 1:	9 32	♊ 28	Libræ south 11 42 ♎	4 4	55	7	5 3 4
Monday	14 Pachomius	" 2:	10 25	♋ 13	☿ in Perihelion	4 4	54	7	6 3 48
Tuesday	15 Moses	" 3:	11 13	♋ 27	♄ south 9 9	4 4	53	7	7 4 33
Wednesday	16 Five Martyrs of L.	" 4:	morn.	♌ 12	♄ ☌ ☽. ♄ sets 11 50	4 4	52	7	8 5 17
Thursday	17 Joachim of Flor.	" 5:	12 42	♌ 26	Antares rises 8 27	4 4	52	7	8 6 7
Friday	18 80 Martyrs under Valens.	Joel 3:	1 18	♍ 10	**18.** Spica s'th 9 36	4 4	51	7	9 6 42
Saturday	19 Alcuin	John 17:	1 43	♍ 23	♀ rises 3 59	4 4	50	7	10 7 32
21] *Whit Sunday.*		John 14: 15–31; Acts 2: 1–11.				*Day's Length, 14 hours, 22 Min.*			
Sunday	20 *Whit Sunday*	Gal. 3: 4: 1–7	2 10	♎ 7	♆ ☌ ☉ Procyon sets 10 3	4 4	49	7	11 8 25
Monday	21 *Whit Monday*	" 5:	2 57	♎ 20	☌ ☌ ☽. ♃ ☌ ♎. ♆ 8 ☉. ☉ ent's □	4 4	48	7	12 9 27
Tuesday	22 Castus and Aemil.	Rom. 12:	3 19	♏ 3	♄ station'y. Regulus sets 12 46	4 4	48	7	13 10 43
Wednesday	23 *Ember Day*	1 Cor. 13:	3 54	♏ 16	♄ south 8 37	4 4	47	7	13 11 41
Thursday	24 Aug. Cazalla	Rom. 6: 19; 7:	4 36	♏ 29	☽ in Per. Riegel sets 7 28 ♌	3 4	46	7	14 12 38
Friday	25 Augustine	" 8:	☽ rises	♐ 11	**25.** ♃ ☌ ☽. ☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	3 4	45	7	15 1 23
Saturday	26 Beda Venerabilis	2 Cor. 5:	8 39	♐ 23	♃ south 11 36	3 4	44	7	16 2 8
22] *Trinity Sunday.*		John 3: 1–15; Rev. 4: 1–11.				*Day's Length, 14 hours, 34 min.*			
Sunday	27 John Calvin	Acts 1: 2:	9 44	♐ 5	Pollux sets 11 9 ♋	3 4	43	7	17 2 53
Monday	28 Lanfranc	" 3:	10 39	♐ 17	♀ rises 3 58	3 4	43	7	17 3 29
Tuesday	29 David Zeisberger	" 4:	11 17	♐ 29	Arctur south 9 45	3 4	42	7	18 4 14
Wednesday	30 Jerome of Prag.	" 5:	11 57	♑ 11	♄ south 8 10	3 4	41	7	19 5 23
Thursday	31 *Corpus Christi*	" 6:	morn.	♑ 23	♄ sets 10 54	3 4	41	7	19 6 21

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter,	2d,	6 o'clock,	47	minutes,	evening.
New Moon,	10th,	8 "	23	"	"
First Quarter,	18th,	6 "	5	"	"
Full Moon,	25th,	8 "	40	"	forenoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, rain; 3, 4, 5, fair; 6, 7, 8, cloudy; 9, 10, 11, rain; 12, 13, 14, clear; 15, 16, fair; 18, 19, 20, rain; 21, 22, clear; 23, 24, 25, rain; 26, 27, 28, clear; 29, 30, 31, cloudy.

(♃). Jupiter is in opposition with the Sun on the 21st, and shines all night.

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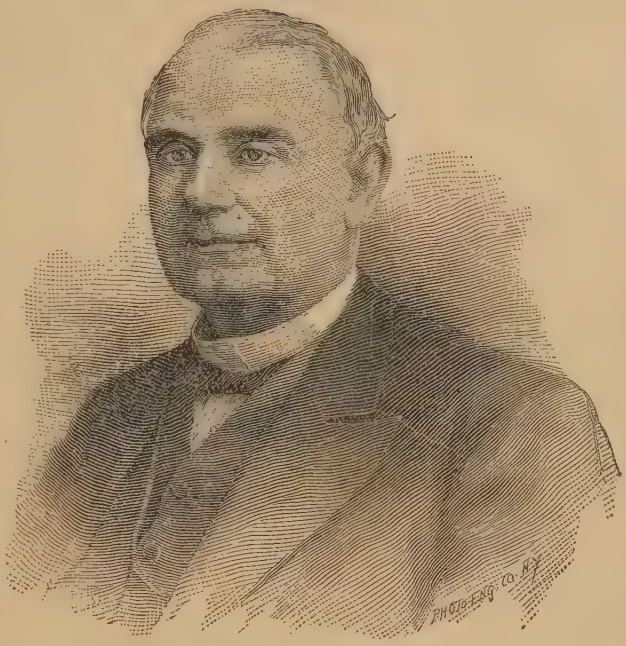

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THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS OF THE GENERAL SYNOD.

This Board is composed of twelve members, elected by the General Synod, and each holds his office for a period of six years.

In the present state of the Church, the functions of this Board are simply supervisory. Each district Synod is expected to prosecute diligently the work of Missions, both within its own territory, and beyond its own limits in such localities as may not yet be occupied by another Synod. Hence, each district Synod has its own Board of Missions, which is supplied with the pecuniary means necessary for the work through the assessments annually made by its own Synod on the several classes. The Board of the General Synod, now, has a general supervision of the whole field of the Home Missionary work through the subordinate Boards of the district Synods. It may advise, and co-operate with them; or even through their instrumentality carry forward some particular work. This is now the case with the work of Harbor Missions. The General Board is carrying forward the Harbor Mission at Castle Garden, New York, through the co-operation of the district Board of the German Synod of the East. It is, moreover, the duty of the General Board to render annually to the General Synod a full report of the whole work in the Home field during the preceding three years.

The following is a synopsis of the work as presented in the report of the Board to the General Synod at Akron, O., in June, 1887:

Total number of Missions then under the care of the Board,	111
Total Church membership of these Missions,	10,519 souls.
Receipts for Home Missions, (1884–1887),	$89,541.62
Receipts for Church Extension,	15,496.96
Contributed for Home Missions and Church Extension during 1884–1887,	105,038.58
Increase in three years,	27,048.88

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h.	Moon R & S m.	Moon's Place. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h.	Sun rises. m.	Sun sets. h.	Sun sets. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h.	HIGH WATER. Phila. m.
Friday	1	J. F. Oberlin	Acts 7:	12	19	♓	5	**1.** Antares south 11 44 ♏	2	4	40	7	20	7	10
Saturday	2	Pothinus and Blandina	" 8:	12	58	♓	17	Libræ south 10 2	2	4	40	7	20	7	53
23] *First Sunday After Trinity.*			Luke 16: 19–31; 1 John 4: 7–21.					*Day's Length, 14 hours, 42 min.*							
Sunday	3	Chlotilde	1 Peter 2: 1–10	1	40	♈	29	♃ south 11 4 ♉	2	4	39	7	21	8	42
Monday	4	Quirinus	Acts 10:	2	19	♈	12	♀ rises 3 56	2	4	39	7	21	9	32
Tuesday	5	Boniface	" 11:	2	56	♈	25	♄ in ♉ Regulus sets 11 49	2	4	38	7	22	10	11
Wednesday	6	Norbert	" 12:	3	18	♉	9	☽ in apo. Wega south 1 36	2	4	38	7	22	10	49
Thursday	7	Paul Gerhardt	1 Pet. 2: 11; 3: 1-17	3	49	♉	23	Altair rises 8 12	1	4	37	7	23	11	22
Friday	8	A. H. Francke	" 3: 18; 4: 1-16	4	23	♊	8	♄ sets 1 22	1	4	37	7	23	12	18
Saturday	9	Columba	" 4: 17; 5:	☽ sets		♊	23	**9.** Spica south 8 6 ♎	1	4	37	7	23	1	17
24] *Second Sunday After Trinity.*			Luke 14: 16–24; 1 John 6: 13–24.					*Day's Length, 14 hours, 48 min.*							
Sunday	10	Fdk. Barbarossa	2 Pet. 1: 11	8	22	♋	8	Pollux sets 9 59	1	4	36	7	24	1	54
Monday	11	Barnabas	" 1: 12; 2: 3	9	18	♋	23	☿ ☌ ☽ Arctur so. 8 48	1	4	36	7	24	2	44
Tuesday	12	Renata	James 2:	10	0	♌	7	☿ gr. elong. E. ☿ sets 8 9	0	4	36	7	24	3	32
Wednesday	13	Isaac Le Febvre	" 3:	10	43	♌	22	♄ ☌ ☽. ♄ sets 10 8	0	4	36	7	24	4	17
Thursday	14	Basil	" 4:	11	19	♍	6	♂ rises 2 43	Sun	4	35	7	25	4	52
Friday	15	W. Wilberforce	" 5:	11	51	♍	20	♃ south 10 7	sl'w	4	35	7	25	5	32
Saturday	16	R. Baxter	Jude	morn.		♎	4	Antares south 10 39	0	4	35	7	25	6	49
25] *Third Sunday After Trinity.*			Luke 15: 1–10; 1 Peter 5: 5–11.					*Day's Length, 14 hours, 50 min.*							
Sunday	17	Jno. Tauler	Acts 13: 1–12	12	58	♎	17	**17.** ☿ in ♉ Wega so. 12 40 ♌	1	4	35	7	25	7	39
Monday	18	Pamphilus	" 13: 13–52	1	20	♎	0	♄ ☌ ☽. ♄ sets 12 46	1	4	35	7	25	8	37
Tuesday	19	Council at Nyce	" 14:	1	50	♏	13	♄ sets 9 46	1	4	35	7	25	9	35
Wednesday	20	27 Martyrs of Prague	" 15:	2	28	♏	26	♀ in ♌. ☉ enters ♋ Longest day	1	4	34	7	25	10	31
Thursday	21	Matt. Claudius	" 16:	3	8	♐	8	☽ in Per. ♃ ☌ ☽. Summer begins	1	4	35	7	25	11	24
Friday	22	Gottschalk	" 17: 1–14	3	56	♐	20	♃ south 9 37	2	4	35	7	25	12	23
Saturday	23	Gottfried Arnold	" 17: 15; 18: 11	☽ rises		♑	2	**23.** Procyon sets 7 44 ♋	2	4	35	7	25	1	17
26] *Fourth Sunday After Trinity.*			Luke 6: 36–42; Rom. 8: 18–23.					*Day's Length, 14 hours, 50 min.*							
Sunday	24	John Baptist	1 Thess. 1:	8	28	♑	14	♂ rises 2 2	2	4	35	7	25	2	2
Monday	25	Augsburg Conf.	" 2: 1–16	9	20	♑	26	☿ in aphelion	2	4	35	7	25	2	48
Tuesday	26	J. Val. Andreæ	" 2: 17; 3:	10	6	♒	8	♄ sets 9 18	2	4	35	7	25	3	34
Wednesday	27	Seven Sleepers	" 4:	10	43	♒	19	Andromeda rises 9 48	3	4	35	7	25	4	19
Thursday	28	Irenæus	" 5:	11	15	♓	1	♄ sets 12 12	3	4	35	7	25	5	4
Friday	29	Peter and Paul	2 " 1; 2: 1-12	11	44	♓	13	Altair so. 1 10	3	4	36	7	24	5	49
Saturday	30	Raymond Lully	" 2: 13; 3:	morn.		♓	25	**30.** ♃ so. 9 3 ♉	4	4	36	7	24	6	34

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter,	1st,	7	o'clock, 43	minutes,	morning.
New Moon,	9th,	11	" 34	"	forenoon.
First Quarter,	17th,	1	" 49	"	morning.
Full Moon,	23d,	4	" 7	"	evening.
Last Quarter,	30th,	10	" 52	"	"

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, rain; 3, 4, 5, clear; 5, thunder; 6, 7, fair; 8, 9, 10, showers; 11, 12, 13, clear; 14, cloudy; 15, 16, rain; 17, 18, 19, fair; 20, 21, 22, variable; 23, 24, 25, fair; 26, 27, thunder showers; 28, 29, 30, clear and pleasant.

Long Ago and Now.

FORTY years ago the Board of Missions had only two missions, and sometimes none, with an income averaging less than one dollar from each congregation, namely, from $217 to $500. The Classes did some missionary work, but not much—enough, however, to cripple the Board.

After a while, things went better. The number of missions increased, and the income of the Board enlarged, until now a single Synod gives more to missions than the whole Church did fifteen, twenty or twenty-five years ago.

TRINITY CHURCH, WATSONTOWN, PA. REV. G. S. SORBER, PASTOR.

This is true even of congregations. Many congregations each to-day give more than a dozen of them did twenty years ago.

The following figures will show how we have grown:

1860–1865, the whole Church gave $28,000, *i. e.* almost $5,600 yearly.

1865–1869, the whole Church gave $42,000, much having been given for church-building purposes, *i. e.*, $10,200 yearly.

1869–1873, all the Synods gave $19,600, *i. e.* almost $5,000 yearly.

1873–1877, the three Synods (Eastern, Pittsburgh and Potomac) gave $36,000, *i. e.*, $900 yearly.

1877–1881, these three Synods gave $46,000, *i. e.*, $11,500 yearly.

1881–1886, these three Synods gave nearly $73,000, *i. e.*, over $14,500 yearly.

OUR MISSIONS.

THE yearly Report of the tri-synodic Board of Home Missions enrolls about fifty missions, having about 4,300 communicant members. These pay for congregational expenses $28,000, an average of $6.50 per member; and for benevolence $2,500, about sixty cents per member. Is not this well done? Who will say these people are not helping themselves? And are they not, then, deserving of our help? They cost the Board about $15,000, an average of only $300.

To Make a Happy Home.

LEARN to govern yourselves, and be gentle and patient. Guard your tongues, especially in seasons of ill-health, irritation and trouble, and soften them by prayer and a sense of your own shortcomings and errors. Remember that, valuable as is the gift of speech, silence is often more valuable. Never retort a sharp or angry word. It is the second word makes the quarrel. Learn to speak in a gentle tone of voice. Learn to say kind, pleasant things whenever opportunity offers. Study the character of each, and sympathize with all in their troubles, however small. Do not neglect little things if they can affect the comfort of others in the smallest degree. Avoid moods and pets and fits of sulkiness. Learn to deny yourself, and perfect others. Beware of meddlers and tale-bearers. Never charge a bad motive if a good one is conceivable.

CHILDREN'S DAY.

BY REV. JOEL SWARTZ.

Our festive seasons come and go,
And seem to make no stay;
But, little children, do you know
We have a Children's Day?

We gather here, and joy to greet
Each other in the way;
We come, our blessed Lord to meet,
On happy Children's Day.

May we take heed to what we hear,
And speak, and sing, and pray;
And thus, with reverential fear,
Praise God on Children's Day.

Lord, help us come into Thy fold
As all the children may,
And chant Thy praise on harps of gold,
In everlasting day.

$22,000.

THE Board of Missions asks the three English Eastern Synods for $22,000 for the support of missionaries this year. Will 120,000 communicant members give less? The average is eighteen cents per member, one and a half cents a month. Will it be raised? We have the money; have we also the grace? A little system would soon bring it in.

JULY, *7th Month, 31 Days.* 1883.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER, Phila. h. m.
27] *Fifth Sunday After Trinity.*		Luke 5: 1–11; 1 Peter 3: 8–15.			*Day's Length, 14 hours, 48 min.*				
Sunday 1	H. Voes and J. Esch	Gala. 1: 1–10	12 12	♋ 8	Spica south 8 54 ☋	3 4	36 7	24	7 35
Monday 2	Visit V. Mary	Acts 18: 12; 19: 1-10	12 43	♋ 21	♄ sets 8 58	4 4	37 7	23	8 19
Tuesday 3	Otto Bishop	Gala. 1: 11; 2: 1-14	1 16	♌ 4	☽ in apo. ☉ in apogee	4 4	37 7	23	9 2
Wednesday 4	Ulrich	" 2: 15; 3: 1-14	1 52	♌ 17	☿ ☌ ☉ Antares south 9 25	4 4	37 7	23	9 47
Thursday 5	Lord Cobham	" 3: 15	2 23	♍ 1	Ψ ☌ ☽. Arctur sets 2 22	4 4	38 7	22	10 37
Friday 6	John Huss	" 4:	2 53	♍ 16	♃ south 8 38	4 4	38 7	22	11 7
Saturday 7	Willibald	" 5; 6:	3 13	♎ 1	♄ sets 11 46 ♌	5 4	38 7	22	11 52
28] *Sixth Sunday After Trinity.*		Matt. 5: 20–26; Rom. 6: 3–11.			*Day's Length, 14 hours, 42 min.*				
Sunday 8	Kilian	1 Cor. 1:	3 42	♎ 16	☿ ☌ ☉ inf. Regulus sets 9 34	5 4	39 7	21	12 25
Monday 9	Ephraim and Syr.	" 2:	☽ sets	♎ 1	**9.** ☿ ☌ ☽ ♀ Wega so. 10 58	5 4	39 7	21	1 24
Tuesday 10	Wm. of Orange	" 3; 4: 1–4	8 38	♎ 16	♄ ☌ ☽. ♄ sets 8 31	5 4	40 7	20	2 1
Wednesday 11	Placidus	" 4: 5; 5: 1–8	9 21	♏ 1	♀ ☌ ☉ superior	5 4	40 7	20	2 47
Thursday 12	Henry II.	" 5: 9; 6:	9 56	♏ 16	Altair south 12 18	5 4	41 7	19	3 22
Friday 13	Eugenius	" 7:	10 22	♐ 0	Sirius rises 4 8	5 4	41 7	19	4 12
Saturday 14	Bonaventura	" 8; 9:	11 06	♐ 14	♃ south 8 5	5 4	42 7	18	4 58
29] *Seventh Sunday After Trinity.*		Mark 8: 1–9; Rom. 6: 19–23.			*Day's Length, 14 hours, 34 min.*				
Sunday 15	Ansvera	1 Cor. 10; 11: 1	11 36	♑ 27	☿ ☌ ☽ Dog Days begin. ♌	6 4	43 7	17	5 45
Monday 16	Anna Askew	" 11: 2	morn.	♑ 10	**16.** ♄ ☌ ☽ ♄ sets 11 24	6 4	43 7	17	6 23
Tuesday 17	Speratus and Eleven Co.	" 12: 1–30	12 55	♑ 23	Regulus sets 8 57	6 4	44 7	16	7 39
Wednesday 18	Arnulf	" 12: 31; 13:	1 26	♒ 5	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S. ♃ ☌ ☽	6 4	45 7	15	8 34
Thursday 19	Louisa Henrietta	" 14:	1 46	♒ 17	☽ in Per. ☿ stationary	6 4	45 7	15	9 31
Friday 20	John Marteilhe	" 15: 1–34	2 35	♒ 29	Spica sets 10 43	6 4	46 7	14	10 30
Saturday 21	Eberhard	" 15: 35; 16:	3 32	♓ 11	♃ south 7 37 ☋	6 4	47 7	13	11 24
30. *Eighth Sunday After Trinity.*		Matt. 7: 15–21; Rom. 8: 12–17.			*Day's Length, 14 hours, 24 min.*				
Sunday 22	Mary Magdalene	Acts 19: 11; 20: 1	4 30	♓ 23	♄ □ ☉ ☉ ent. ♌	6 4	48 7	12	12 23
Monday 23	Godfr. v. Hamele	2 Cor. 1: 1–22	☽ rises	♈ 5	**23.** ♃ sta. ♀ in Peri.	6 4	49 7	11	1 22
Tuesday 24	Thos. A'Kempis	" 1: 23; 2:	8 37	♈ 17	♄ sets 7 40	6 4	50 7	10	2 13
Wednesday 25	James the Elder	" 3; 4: 1–6	9 10	♈ 29	Pollux sets 8 19	6 4	50 7	10	2 58
Thursday 26	Christopher	" 4: 7; 5: 10	9 46	♉ 11	♄ sets 10 53	6 4	51 7	9	3 43
Friday 27	Raym. Palmarius	" 5: 11; 6; 7: 1	10 13	♉ 23	♄ ☌ ♀ Orion rises 2 56	6 4	52 7	8	4 31
Saturday 28	Jno. Seb. Bach.	" 7: 2	10 57	♊ 5	Aldebaran rises 1 6 ♌	6 4	53 7	7	5 20
31] *Ninth Sunday After Trinity.*		Luke 16: 1–9; 1 Cor. 10: 1–13.			*Day's Length, 14 hours, 12 min.*				
Sunday 29	Olaus	2 Cor. 8:	11 17	♊ 17	☿ gr. elong. W. ☿ rises 4 9	6 4	54 7	6	6 9
Monday 30	John Wessell	" 9:	11 57	♊ 0	**30.** Wega so. 9 55	6 4	55 7	5	6 54
Tuesday 31	Jno. Cas. Schade	" 10:	morn.	♊ 13	☽ in apo. ♃ sets 12 01	6 4	56 7	4	7 29

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon,	9th,	1 o'clock,	16	minutes,	morning.
First Quarter,	16th,	7 "	12	"	"
Full Moon,	23d,	12 "	45	"	"
Last Quarter,	30th,	3 "	29	"	evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, thunder showers; 4, 5, fair; 6, 7, clear; 8, 9, rain; 10, 11, variable; 12, 13, warmest days; 14, 15, 16, rain; 17, 18, 19, warm; 20, 21, rain; 22, 23, fair; 24, 25, cloudy; 26, 27, 28, clear; 29, 30, rain; 31, variable.

(♀) Venus is in superior conjunction with the Sun on the 11th, and passes from Morning to Evening Star.

SHEBOYGAN INSTITUTE.

Many of our English people do not know what a great work our German brethren have done in the far West.

The Mission House in Wisconsin is ten miles from Sheboygan. It has four two-story frame buildings, besides two houses for Professors' families. Next Summer a large brick building will be put up.

This work was started in 1860 by Sheboygan Classis, to supply German ministers for the West. Now it is under the care of the three German Synods.

The work is Academic and Theological. The Institute is a College and also a Theological Seminary. In the College department are four Professors; in the Seminary, three. English also is taught and many graduates preach in both languages. About one hundred and fifty ministers have been sent out.

REV. H. A. MÜHLMEIER, D. D.,
Inspector of Sheboygan Institute, Franklin, Wisconsin.

THE BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE NORTH-WEST AND CENTRAL SYNODS.

This Board has Missions under its care as follows:

In West Virginia,	1
" Kentucky,	2
" Ohio,	3
" Indiana,	2
" Illinois,	2
" Michigan,	3
" Wisconsin,	5
" Minnesota,	1
" Dakota,	2
" Nebraska,	1
" Iowa,	2
" Missouri,	2
Total,	26

The receipts during the year ending September 1st, 1887, were about $5,000. The Board will need this year $7,000.

The German Board of the West has a travelling Superintendent of Missions, (*Reiseprediger* they call him), Rev. W. F. Horstmeier, with headquarters at St. Louis, Mo.

☞NOTHING is more needed in doing good work than patience. If one sow to-day and expects to reap to-morrow, he will be disappointed, and if he then dig up the seeds his prospects must be blasted. If a man be taught the truth, it is too much to expect that he will all at once recognize and obey all its claims; let him have time.

MISSIONS IN THE GERMAN SYNOD OF THE EAST.

The amount received from the Churches within the bounds of the German Synod of the East during the past year was about $2,800, and the amount disbursed was about $2,600.

Its Mission Board has had under its care during the year eight Missions. One Mission was declared self-supporting, and one new Mission was taken under its care.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

A writer in the *Church Standard* puts the point of the support of the clergy in a pithy way. He says: "I am constrained to affirm that there is no neglect or omission which strains the Church's record to-day more grievous, more hurtful, more damaging to her influence, more obstructive of her progress than the support which she provides for her clergy. I believe that she is deliberately driving from her threshold the best energies of youth, the best aspirations of intellectual ardor, the finest culture and scholarship of her own children; that the standard of ability and attainments which ought to distinguish her ministry, is gradually but steadily deteriorating; that in an age which demands not less of learning, but more—not a lower standard of excellence, but a higher; in an age when hostility to the Faith, moving forward hand in hand with the most affluent culture, was never so aggressive as it is to-day, she is not multiplying her defenders of the Faith, but diminishing them. I believe in a word, that her provision for the maintenance of a studious, earnest, single-minded, truly Christ-like man, who would fain enter her ministry, is ordinarily so mean and meagre, as to amount almost to a downright prohibition at its threshold."

HASTY WORDS.

Hasty words are very natural, and it takes considerable of an education in grace to repress them; yet it is very certain that they are not only wrong, but also do not pay. How often, in after days, they are forced back on us, and fill for us a bowl of acid medicine that sets our teeth on edge! Happy is the man who can keep silence, when silence is golden. Hasty complaints about God's dealings with us, hasty words of anger flung out at a fellow-man—would that we learned to repress them by keeping our heart right, by setting a curb to our tongue, by silently breathing out our trouble to God and taking counsel with Him in prayer.

AUGUST, *8th Month, 31 Days.* 1888.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h.	Moon R & S m.	Moon's Place. s.	Moon's Place. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h.	Sun rises. m.	Sun sets. h.	Sun sets. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h.	HIGH WATER. Phila. m.
Wednesday	1 Maccabees	2 Cor. 11:	12	40	26		Nep. ☌ ☽. ♄ ☿ ☉ ☋	6	4	57	7	3	8	25
Thursday	2 Mas. Under Nero	" 12: 1–18	1	17	10		♄ sets 10 33	6	4	58	7	2	9	30
Friday	3 Wm. Thorp	" 12: 19; 13:	1	39	25		Orion rises 2 28 ♌	6	4	59	7	1	10	10
Saturday	4 Leonard Käser	Acts 20: 1–13	2	22	10		Sirius rises 4 31	6	5	0	7	0	10	55
32] *Tenth Sunday After Trinity.*		Luke 19: 41–47; 1 Cor. 12: 1–11.					*Day's Length, 13 hours, 58 min.*							
Sunday	5 Salzb'g Evang.	Rom. 1: 1–17	3	16	25		7* rises 11 10	6	5	1	6	59	11	32
Monday	6 Transfiguration	" 1: 18–31	3	59	10		☿ ☌ ☽. ☿ in ♌	6	5	2	6	58	12	26
Tuesday	7 Nonna	" 2:	☽ sets		25		**7.** ♄ ☌ ☽	6	5	3	6	57	1	18
Wednesday	8 Hormisdas	" 3:	8	0	10		♀ ☌ ☽ Altair so. 10.34	5	5	4	6	56	2	3
Thursday	9 Numidicus	" 4:	8	32	24		♃ sets 11 22	5	5	6	6	54	2	50
Friday	10 Laurentius	" 5: 1–11	9	7	9		☿ in Perihelion	5	5	7	6	53	3	33
Saturday	11 Greg. of Utrecht	" 5: 12–21	9	37	23		♅ ☌ ☽ Wega so. 9.8 ♌	5	5	8	6	52	4	29
33] *Eleventh Sunday After Trinity.*		Luke 18: 9–14; 1 Cor. 15: 1–11.					*Day's Length, 13 hours, 42 min.*							
Sunday	12 Ans. of Har'lb'g	Rom. 6:	10	11	6		♄ sets 10 9	5	5	9	6	51	5	17
Monday	13 C'nt Zinzendorf	" 7:	10	48	19		♄ ☌ ☽ ☿ ☌ ♄	5	5	10	6	50	6	11
Tuesday	14 James Guthrie	" 8: 1–15	11	24	2		**14.** ♃☌☽ ♀gr. Hel. Lat. N. ☽ in Per	5	5	11	6	49	6	56
Wednesday	15 Virgin Mary	" 8: 16–39	morn.		14		♃ sets 10 57	4	5	12	6	48	7	43
Thursday	16 John of Saxony	" 9: 1–13	12	56	26		Orion rises 1 38	4	5	14	6	46	8	42
Friday	17 John Gerhard	" 9: 14–33	1	52	8		Sirius rises 3 51 ☋	4	5	15	6	45	9	25
Saturday	18 Hugo Grotius	" 10:	2	31	20		7* rises 10 22	4	5	16	6	44	10	38
34] *Twelfth Sunday After Trinity.*		Mark 7: 31–37; 2 Cor. 3: 4–11.					*Day's Length, 13 hours, 26 min.*							
Sunday	19 Sebaldus	Rom. 11:	3	28	2		Aldebaran rises 11 37	4	5	17	6	43	11	39
Monday	20 Bernard of Clair	" 12:	4	24	14		♃ □ ☉ Regulus rises 1 39	3	5	18	6	42	12	27
Tuesday	21 1st Morv. Miss.	" 13:	☽ rises		26		**21.** ☿ gr. Hel. ♎ N.	3	5	19	6	41	1	16
Wednesday	22 Symphorianus	" 14:	7	39	8		Arctur sets 11 14	3	5	21	6	39	1	57
Thursday	23 Gasp. de Coligny	" 15: 1–13	8	10	20		☿ ☌ ☉ sup'r. ☉ ent. ♍	3	5	22	6	38	2	43
Friday	24 Bartholomew	" 15: 14–33	8	33	2		♆ ☌ ☉ Procyon rises 3 1 ♋	2	5	23	6	37	3	27
Saturday	25 Louis IX.	" 16:	9	8	14		♄ sets 9 37	2	5	24	6	36	4	12
35] *Thirteenth Sunday Aft. Trinity.*		Luke 10: 23–27; Gal. 3: 16–23.					*Day's Length, 13 hours, 10 min.*							
Sunday	26 Ulfilas	Acts 20:	9	39	27		Dog Days end	1	5	25	6	35	4	53
Monday	27 Jovinian	" 21:	10	4	10		Altair south 9 20	1	5	27	6	33	5	51
Tuesday	28 Aug. of Hippo.	" 22; 23:	10	37	23		☽ in apo. Orion rises 12.48	1	5	28	6	32	6	29
Wednesday	29 John Baptist B'd	" 24; 25:	11	10	6		**29.** ♆☌☽ Antares sets 10.8	1	5	29	6	31	7	38
Thursday	30 Claude of Turin	" 26:	11	53	20		♄ rises 4 20	0	5	30	6	30	8	11
Friday	31 Aidan	" 27:	morn.		4		♃ sets 9 58 ♌	0	5	31	6	29	8	59

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon,	7th,	1	o'clock, 20	minutes,	afternoon.
First Quarter,	14th,	11	" 44	"	forenoon.
Full Moon,	21st,	11	" 20	"	"
Last Quarter,	29th,	9	" 17	"	"

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, rain; 4, 5, clear; 6, fair; 7, 8, 9, rain; 10, 11, 12, variable; 13, thunder; 14, 15, 16, showers; 17, 18, 19, clear; 20, 21, rain; 22, 23, clear; 24, 25, cloudy; 26, 27, rain; 28, 29, variable; 30, 31, fair.

(♄) Saturn is in conjunction with the Sun on the 1st, and cannot be seen.

TEACHERS AND PUPILS OF THE FEMALE SEMINARY UNDER THE CARE OF MISS LIZZIE R. POORBAUGH AND MISS MARY B. AULT, SENDAI, JAPAN.

Miss Poorbaugh has her niece, Kitty Poorbaugh, on her lap. Miss Ault may be seen seated among the little girls. The number of pupils have increased about twenty-five per cent. since the group was taken.

OUR FOREIGN MISSION WORK.

Our field is Japan. Nine years ago we sent out Rev. A. D. Gring; four years ago Rev. J. P. Moore; within two years, Rev. W. E. Hoy, Miss Lizzie R. Poorbaugh and Miss Mary B. Ault. The first two spent their time in Tokio; but now all our American force is in northern Japan.

Sendai. Rev. W. E. Hoy and the two ladies labor in Sendai, a city of 60,000. Besides preaching, Rev. Hoy has a Theological Training School, preparing native Evangelists for their work. Seven students. Miss Poorbaugh and Miss Ault have a Girls' School of about fifty pupils.

Yamagata. Rev. J. P. Moore has charge of a Boys' School in Yamagata, a town of 20,000, about forty-five miles west of Sendai.

Statistics. In Tokio and Sendai we have 3 self-supporting congregations, 3 native ordained pastors, 7 native evangelists, nearly 500 members 9 Sunday-schools with 156 children.

What we now need. For the coming year we need $15,000 to support our missionaries and their helpers and to pay the necessary expenses of their growing evangelistic work. Besides this, $10,000 more are needed for a suitable building for the Girls' school already established. Rev. J. I. Swander of Ohio, has bought the lot (about three acres) and about $2,000 are on hand toward the building which may cost $12,000.

ONLY A LITTLE.

Every day a little knowledge. One fact in a day. How small is one fact? Only one. Ten years pass by. Three thousand six hundred and fifty facts are not a small thing.

Every day a little self-denial. The thing that is difficult to do to-day, will be an easy thing to do 360 days hence, if each day it shall have been repeated. What power of self-mastery shall he enjoy who seeks every day to practice the grace he prays for?

SEPTEMBER, *9th Month, 30 Days.* 1888

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Saturday	1 Anna	Acts 28:	12 52	♍ 18	Sirius rises 2 56 ♌	0 5	32	6 28	9 44
36] *Fourteenth Sunday Aft. Trinity.*		Luke 17: 11–19; Gal. 5: 16–24.			*Day's Length, 12 hours, 54 min.*				
Sunday	2 Mamas	Eph. 1: 1–14	1 50	♎ 4	♀ sets 7 25	1 5	33	6 27	10 36
Monday	3 Hildegarde	" 1: 15; 2: 1-10	2 48	♎ 18	♄ ☌ ☽. Rigel rises 11.50	1 5	35	6 25	11 38
Tuesday	4 Ida v. Herzfeld	" 2: 11; 3:	3 46	♏ 4	Neptune station'y	1 5	36	6 24	12 24
Wednesday	5 John Mollio	" 4: 1–17	☽ sets	♏ 18	**5.** ♄ rises 3 58	2 5	37	6 23	1 15
Thursday	6 Matthias Weibel	" 4: 18	7 5	♐ 3	☿ ☌ ☽. ♁ sets 9 19	2 5	39	6 21	1 53
Friday	7 Laz. Spengler	" 5; 6: 1–9	7 37	♐ 17	♀ ☌ ☽. Orion rises 12.19 ♌	2 5	40	6 20	2 40
Saturday	8 Corbinian	" 6: 10	8 13	♑ 1	♅ ☌ ☽. ♃ sets 9 30	3 5	41	6 19	3 24
37] *Fifteenth Sunday Aft. Trinity.*		Matt. 6: 24–34; Gal. 6: 25; 6: 10.			*Day's Length, 12 hours, 34 Min.*				
Sunday	9 Luigi Pasquali	Col. 1:	8 46	♑ 14	☽ in Per. Antares sets 9.32	3 5	43	6 17	4 9
Monday	10 Paul Seperatus	" 2; 3: 1–4	9 22	♑ 27	♀ sets 7 10	3 5	44	6 16	4 52
Tuesday	11 John Brenz	" 3: 5; 4:	10 10	♒ 10	♁ ☌ ☽. ♃ ☌ ☽. ♁ ☌ ♃	4 5	45	6 15	5 38
Wednesday	12 Dionys's Peloq'n	Philemon	10 48	♒ 23	**12.** ♁ sets 9 11	4 5	47	6 13	6 36
Thursday	13 Wm. Farel	Philip. 1: 1–26	11 45	♓ 5	☿ in ♍ Markab. so. 12 19 ♎	4 5	48	6 12	7 35
Friday	14 Cyprian	" 1: 27; 2:	morn.	♓ 17	♃ sets 9 9	5 5	49	6 11	8 14
Saturday	15 A. v. Grumbach	" 3; 4:	12 46	♓ 28	♄ rises 3 10	5 5	50	6 10	8 57
38] *Sixteenth Sunday Aft. Trinity.*		Luke 7: 11–17; Eph. 3: 13–21.			*Day's Length, 12 hours, 16 min.*				
Sunday	16 Euphemia	1 Tim. 1:	1 18	♈ 10	Formal south 11 12	5 5	52	6 8	9 43
Monday	17 Lambert	" 2:	2 22	♈ 22	♀ sets 6 59	6 5	53	6 7	10 40
Tuesday	18 A. G. Spangenb'g	" 3:	3 26	♉ 4	☿ ☌ ♀. 7* rises 8 35	6 5	55	6 5	11 39
Wednesday	19 *Ember Day*	" 3: 14; 4: 10	4 32	♉ 16	♅ ☌ ☿. ♅ ☌ ♀	6 5	56	6 4	12 24
Thursday	20 Magdal. Luther	" 4: 11; 5: 16	☽ rises	♉ 29	**20.** Librae sets 8.58 ♍	7 5	57	6 3	1 22
Friday	21 Matthew	" 5: 17	7 7	♊ 11	Aldebaran rises 9.35	7 5	59	6 1	2 7
Saturday	22 Mauritius	" 6:	7 37	♊ 24	☉ enters ♎ Day equal Night. Autumn commences	7 6	0	6 0	2 49
39] *Seventeenth Sunday Aft. Trinity.*		Luke 14: 1–11; Eph. 4: 1–6.			*Day's Length, 11 hours, 58 min.*				
Sunday	23 5 Mar. of Gen'a	Titus 1:	8 4	♋ 7	☿ in aphelion.	8 6	1 5	59	3 23
Monday	24 Jno. Jacob Moser	" 2:	8 35	♋ 20	Antares south 8 37	8 6	2 5	58	4 13
Tuesday	25 Augsb'g Treaty	" 3:	9 7	♌ 3	☽ in apo. ♆ ☌ ☽	9 6	4 5	56	4 57
Wednesday	26 Lioba	2 Tim. 1:	9 47	♌ 17	♀ sets 6 48	9 6	5 5	55	5 50
Thursday	27 Phil. Graveron	" 2:	10 33	♍ 0	♁ sets 9 7 ♌	9 6	6 5	54	6 45
Friday	28 A. Clarenbach	" 3:	11 19	♍ 15	**28.** Andromeda so. 11 41	10 6	8 5	52	7 43
Saturday	29 St. Michael	" 4:	morn.	♍ 28	♃ sets 8 19	10 6	9 5	51	8 42
40] *Eighteenth Sunday Aft. Trinity.*		Matt. 22: 34–46; 1 Cor. 1: 4–9.			*Day's Length, 11 hours, 40 min.*				
Sunday	30 Jerome	Heb. 1:	12 36	♎ 13	♄ rises 2 28	10 6	10	5 50	9 29

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon,	5th,	11	o'clock, 56	minutes,	evening.
First Quarter,	12th,	4	" 59	"	"
Full Moon,	20th,	12	" 24	"	morning.
Last Quarter,	28th,	3	" 30	"	"

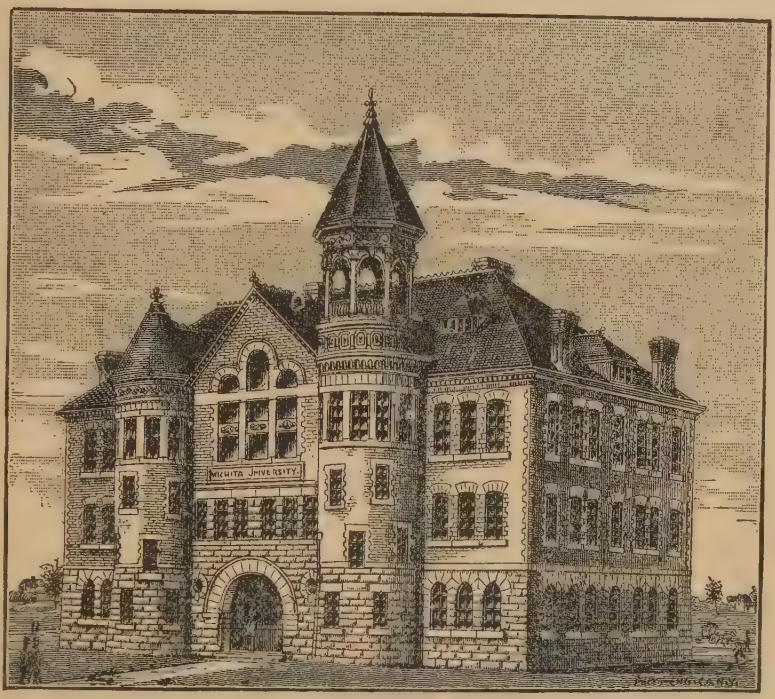
CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, cloudy; 3, 4, rain; 5, 6, 7, fair; 8, variable; 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, clear; 14, 15, variable; 16, 17, 18, rain; 19, 20, 21, clear; 22, 23, 24, 25, cloudy; 26, 27, clear; 28, 29, showers; 30, clear and cool.

PRAYER FOR MISSIONS.

Remedies for our empty treasuries and scantiness in ministers have been proposed, wise and otherwise, as yet however we are still without the desired result.

We have not men enough, nor money enough to reap the harvest that stands before us, much of it going to waste, in our helplessness. In all our difficulties is it not wise to turn unto the Lord Jesus Christ, whose wisdom and power never failed to meet all exigencies and needs? What did He direct the disciples to do when He saw large multitudes coming to hear the blessed gospel of His kingdom? "Pray ye, therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."



WICHITA UNIVERSITY, WICHITA, KANSAS. REV. A. S. WEBER, A.M., PRESIDENT.
Opened its First Session, October 4th, 1887.

Rev. Joseph Parker, D. D., says: "Is this sentiment? Does the Lord call men only to prayer, or has He some ulterior purpose? Does He encourage them by first asking them to pray, and then when they have prayed themselves into white heat of the soul, does He name the practical purpose which He had in view at the beginning? Who could bear to hear all his destiny at once? Who would like to have his destiny thrust upon him with abruptness and suddenness, like the shock of an unexpected thunderstorm? Who would not rather be gently and gradually prepared? This is the infinite statesmanship of Christ. He tells the disciples to *pray* for laborers. A lame remedy, say you, for the tremendous disease. Wait awhile: When they have *prayed* well they shall *work* well. When they have prayed for laborers it shall be revealed to them that *they themselves* are the laborers! Revelations come to men in prayer: while they are praying about others: God suddenly says, 'You are the men—go.' That is the solution of ten thousand church difficulties. A rich man I have heard pray that God would be gracious unto the poor, and when he was done I have said, 'Answer your own prayer.' So a man shall pray that the Church be revived, and God says, 'Begin in your own heart.' Others again are praying night and day that God would send forth laborers into His harvest, not knowing that God's plan is that when man can pray most that laborers be sent, he himself should herald the way and be the evangelist of heaven."

Truly were all our ministers to make this cause the burden of their prayer in closet and pulpit; were all our people surrounding the family altar and of the congregation to supplicate from the heart the Lord of heaven—they would learn to *go* and to *give*—so that men and means more than enough would be supplied. May the Lord grant it.

☞ WE must be adapted to our work. Where solid strength and robustness are needed, they must be sent; there is no propriety in giving weaklings such places. They may be of use elsewhere.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL.

THIS year we celebrate the semi-centennial of the Board of Foreign Missions, organized in Lancaster, Pa., in 1838. The first president was Rev. Dietrich Willers, of Fayette, N. Y., then a young man.

How can we best celebrate this interesting semi-centennial? By a larger giving.

☞ A FIELD requireth three things, fair weather, good seed, and a good husbandman.

OCTOBER, *10th Month, 31 Days.* 1888.

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h.	m.	Moon's Place. s.	a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscella neous Matter.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h.	m.	Sun sets. h.	m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h.	m.
Monday	1	Remigius	Heb. 2:	1	38	♑	28	♄ ☌ ☽. Altair 5th 7.17	10	6	11	5	49	10	14
Tuesday	2	Chr. Schmidt	" 3; 4:	2	42	♒	12	Orion rises 10 53	11	6	12	5	48	10	53
Wednesday	3	The two Ewalds	" 5:	3	44	♒	26	♃ sets 8 4	11	6	13	5	47	11	32
Thursday	4	Franciscus	" 6:	4	49	♓	11	♄ rises 2 12	11	6	15	5	45	12	24
Friday	5	Pietro Carnesec	" 7:	☽ sets		♓	25	**5.** ☿☌☽ ☊ ☿ sets 6.41	11	6	17	5	43	1	20
Saturday	6	Henry Albert	" 8:	4	43	♈	9	☿ ☌ ☽. ☿ ☌ ☽	11	6	18	5	42	2	3

41] *Nineteenth Sunday Aft. Trinity.* Matt. 9: 1–8; Eph. 4: 17–32. *Day's Length, 11 hours, 22 min.*

Sunday	7	Theodore Beza	Heb. 9: 1–14	7	21	♈	23	☽ in Per. Antares sets 7.52	12	6	19	5	41	2	48
Monday	8	Robt. of Lincoln.	" 9: 15	8	1	♉	6	☿ gr. elong. E. ☿ sets 6.24	12	6	21	5	39	3	24
Tuesday	9	Dionysius Areo	" 10: 1–18	8	48	♉	18	☿ ☌ ♀. ♄ ☌ ☽. ♀ in ♍	13	6	22	5	38	4	14
Wednesday	10	Justus Jonas	" 10: 19	9	29	♊	1	♅ ☌ ☉. ♄ sets 8.57	13	6	23	5	37	4	56
Thursday	11	U. Zwingli died	" 11:	10	27	♊	13	Andromeda south 10.53	13	6	24	5	36	5	44
Friday	12	Henry Bullinger	" 12:	11	40	♊	25	**12.** ♀ sets 6.30	13	6	25	5	35	6	43
Saturday	13	Elizabeth Frey	" 13:	morn.		♋	7	♃ sets 7.32	14	6	27	5	33	7	44

42] *Twentieth Sunday Aft. Trinity.* Matt. 22: 1–14; Eph. 5: 15–21. *Day's Length, 11 hours, 4 min.*

Sunday	14	Mich. Ridley	Prov. 1; 2:	12	23	♋	18	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	14	6	28	5	32	8	41
Monday	15	Aurelia	" 3:	1	25	♌	0	♄ rises 1 40	14	6	29	5	31	9	36
Tuesday	16	Gallus	" 4:	2	26	♌	12	7* rises 6 46	14	6	31	5	29	10	30
Wednesday	17	Rev. Edict of Nantes.	" 5: 1–19	3	28	♌	25	♄ sets 8 51	15	6	32	5	28	11	24
Thursday	18	*St. Luke Evang.*	" 6: 20; 7:	4	34	♍	7	Formal south 9 16 ♍	15	6	33	5	27	12	20
Friday	19	Bruno	" 8:	☽ rises		♍	20	**19.** ♃ sets 7 10	15	6	35	5	25	1	15
Saturday	20	F. Lamb't of Avi.	" 9:	6	4	♎	3	☿ stationary	15	6	36	5	24	2	4

43] *Twenty-first Sunday Aft. Trinity.* John 4: 46–54; Eph. 6: 10–20. *Day's Length, 10 hours, 46 min.*

Sunday	21	Hilarion.	Prov. 10; 11:	6	34	♎	16	♀ sets 6 27	15	6	37	5	23	2	49
Monday	22	Hedwig	" 12; 13:	7	7	♎	29	☽ in apo. Nep. ☌ ☽	16	6	39	5	21	3	30
Tuesday	23	Henry Martin	" 14; 15:	7	38	♏	13	☉ enters ♏	16	6	40	5	20	4	15
Wednesday	24	Arethas	" 16; 17:	8	24	♏	27	Rigel rises 9 4	16	6	41	5	19	5	2
Thursday	25	John Herz	" 18; 19:	9	13	♐	12	♄ sets 8 36	16	6	42	5	18	5	47
Friday	26	Frederick III.	" 20; 21; 22: 1-16	10	14	♐	26	Sirius rises 11.34	16	6	43	5	17	6	41
Saturday	27	Frumentius	" 22: 17; 23; 24:	11	13	♑	10	**27.** ♃ sets 6.37	16	6	45	5	15	7	32

44] *Twenty-second Sunday Aft. Trinity.* Matt. 18: 21–35; Phile. 1: 3–11. *Day's Length, 10 hours, 28 min.*

Sunday	28	Simon and Jude	Prov. 25; 26:	morn.		♑	24	♄ ☌ ☽. ♄ rises 12.51	16	6	46	5	14	8	17
Monday	29	Alfred the Great	" 27:	12	17	♒	8	♀ sets 6 32	16	6	47	5	13	9	2
Tuesday	30	Jacob Sturm	" 28; 29:	1	26	♒	22	Markab south 8 41	16	6	48	5	12	9	47
Wednesday	31	Reformation Fes.	" 30; 31:	2	25	♓	6	☿ ☌ ☉ inferior	16	6	50	5	10	10	41

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon,	5th,	9	o'clock, 34	minutes,	forenoon.
First Quarter,	12th,	12	" 29	"	morning.
Full Moon,	19th,	4	" 9	"	evening.
Last Quarter,	27th,	8	" 55	"	"

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, clear; 3, 4, 5, cloudy; 6, 7, rain; 8, 9, 10, clear; 11, cloudy; 12, fair; 13, 14, cloudy and rain; 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, clear; 20, 21, 22, rain; 23, 24, 25, fair; 26, 27, 28, stormy and rain; 29, 30, 31, fair.

Missionary Work in the Ohio Synod.

More than a half a century ago our fathers sent ministers of the Gospel to Ohio and adjacent States to preach the Reformed faith to the early settlers. The seed took deep root and there has been a vigorous growth of the Reformed Church from the beginning. Three Synods now occupy the territory. The Church has several institutions of learning and one seminary where it had none years ago. No sooner was the Synod of Ohio organized and its congregations self-sustaining, when it began work extending aid to congregations in Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, and lately to Kansas, Nebraska and Dakotah territory. Many of its most flourishing congregations were in their early history dependent upon Missionary aid, but have now paid back to the Church more than a hundred-fold what they received. Past progress ought to encourage to renewed effort in the present.

FIRST CHURCH, SUNBURY, PA. Rev. J. CAL. LEINBACH, Pastor.

The Synod of the United States met in this Church, October 19, 1887.

The Ohio Synod's Board has at present twenty missions under its care. These are all in important places. Some are growing rapidly and will be self-sustaining in a very short time; others are progressing slowly but surely, careful nursing and prompt aid will make them successful in the end. The following are the names of the missions with their pastors:

Jerusalem, Rev. F. W. Shultz, Bremen, O.; *Paulding Co.*, Rev. J. W. Barber, Payne, O.; *Greenville*, Rev. W. E. Ludwick, Greenville, O.; *Venice*, Rev. S. Shaw, Bloomville, O.; *Ft. Wayne*, Rev. T. J. Bacher, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; *Holton*, Rev. H. Shumaker, Holton, Kansas; *Liberty Center*, Rev. G. C. Gerlach, Liberty Center, O.; *Kentland*, Rev. L. P. Gross, Brooks, Ind.; *Altamont*, Rev. J. Wolbach, Altamont, Ill.; *Lyons*, Rev. A. Casselman, Lyons, Kansas; *Wathena*, Rev. F. H. Keller, Wathena, Kansas; *Sabetha*, Rev. A. G. Lohman, Kansas; *Colon*, Rev. J. H. Albright, Colon, Mich.; *Ada*, Rev. I. A. Sites, Ada, O.; *Dayton*, D. W. Ebbert, Dayton, O.; *Redfield*, Rev. F. W. Stump, Redfield, Da.; *Warren*, vacant, Warren, O.; *Lima*, vacant, Lima, O.; *Neriah*, vacant, Erie, Mich.

The Board of Ohio Synod requires five thousand dollars annually to support the missions now under its care. The Synod has nearly twenty thousand confirmed members. This would require an average of about 25 cents to each confirmed member. Ought not this to be raised very easily? In no year has there been more than four thousand dollars paid into the treasury. Where is the remedy? Many give pennies where they should give dollars; silver where they ought to give gold. Many give nothing because they cannot give much. Most give by fits and starts instead of giving regularly. Regular, prayerful, and liberal giving by all will remedy this matter. Try it.

Instead of five thousand dollars for this important work the Board should have at least twice that amount, then those missions now under the care of the Board could be promptly paid and other worthy places applying could be speedily helped. Much is lost by delay. Many places have been lost to our Church because we could not give assistance in time. The Board must refuse where it has no means to give.

There are many large cities where the Board of the Ohio Synod could establish flourishing missions if it had the means. Cleveland, a city of 250,000 inhabitants, has seven German churches and no English. Here two missions could at once be planted,—one on the east side, the other on the west side,—and in a few years would be self-supporting.

Chicago.—Here the Reformed Church has many members of prominence not yet gathered into a congregation. We ought enter at once. The Germans have three congregations here. Toledo.—Here our English material is being gathered by other churches. How sad that we lose these. Indianapolis.—Again and again have we been asked, "Why not start an English mission here?" reply, no means. Cincinnati.—Here once we had a start, but unwisely it was let slip, for want of proper support. Covington offers bright inducements.

These are but a few, a very few, of the cities that are inviting the Reformed Church to establish congregations. Oh! let us pray the Lord of the harvest that He send laborers into His vineyard and that the people give to this blessed work more of their means.

NOVEMBER, *11th Month, 30 Days.* 1888.

Weeks and Days.		Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h.	m.	Moon's Place. s.	a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. sl. m.	Sun rises. h.	m.	Sun sets. h.	m.	HIGH WATER, Phila. h.	m.
Thursday	1	All Saints	Song of Sol. 1; 2; 3:	3	48	♌	20	Regulus rises 12.28 ☊ ♓	16	6	51	5	9	11	31
Friday	2	Victorinus	" " 4; 5:	4	59	♋	4	☿ in ☊. ♅ ☌ ☽	16	6	52	5	8	12	22
Saturday	3	Priminus	" " 6; 7; 8:	☽ sets		♋	17	**3.** ☿ ☌ ☽. Orion rises 8.48	16	6	53	5	7	1	14

45] *Fourth Sunday Before Advent.* Matt. 9: 18–26; Col. 1: 9–14. *Day's Length, 10 hours, 12 min.*

Sunday	4	John A. Bengel	John 21: 1–23	6	1	♌	0	☽ in Per. ♃ sets 6.25	16	6	54	5	6	1	59
Monday	5	Hans Egede	1 " 1; 2:	6	41	♌	13	♃ ☌ ☽. ♀ ☌ ☽. ♀ sets 6.37	16	6	55	5	5	2	44
Tuesday	6	Gustav. Adolph	1 " 3:	7	29	♌	26	☿ in Perihelion ☋	16	6	56	5	4	3	29
Wednesday	7	Willibrord	1 " 4:	8	26	♍	9	♄ ☌ ☽. ♄ sets 8.21	16	6	58	5	2	4	14
Thursday	8	Willehad	1 " 5:	9	25	♍	21	☿ stationary	16	6	59	5	1	4	59
Friday	9	John v. Staupitz	2 John	10	35	♎	3	♄ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	16	7	0	5	0	5	54
Saturday	10	Martin Luther	3 John	11	29	♎	14	**10.** ♄ rises 11.41	16	7	1	4	59	6	41

46. *Third Sunday Before Advent.* Matt. 24: 15–28; 1 Thess. 4: 13–18. *Day's Length, 9 hours, 56 min*

Sunday	11	Martin of Tours	Rev. 1:	morn.		♏	26	♄ □ ☉. 7* south 12.37	16	7	2	4	58	7	39
Monday	12	Phil. de Mornay	" 2:	12	14	♏	8	♀ sets 6 41	16	7	3	4	57	8	41
Tuesday	13	Arcadius	" 3:	1	18	♏	20	♀ in aphelion	15	7	4	4	56	9	30
Wednesday	14	Pet. Mart. Verm.	" 4; 5; 6:	2	22	♐	2	♃ sets 5 48 . ♉	15	7	5	4	55	10	13
Thursday	15	John Kepler	" 7; 8; 9: 1-12	3	26	♐	15	♄ sets 8 15	15	7	6	4	54	10	58
Friday	16	Casp. Creuziger	" 9: 13; 10: 11;	4	30	♐	28	Altair sets 10 45	15	7	7	4	53	11	32
Saturday	17	Bernward	" 12; 13:	5	34	♑	11	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N. ☿ g.elon. west	15	7	8	4	52	12	24

47] *Second Sunday Before Advent.* Matt. 25: 31–46; 1 Thess. 1: 3–10. *Day's Length, 9 hours, 42 min.*

Sunday	18	Greg. Illuminat.	Rev. 14: 1–13	☽ rises		♑	25	**18.** ☽ in apo. ☿ rises 6.24	15	7	9	4	51	1	22
Monday	19	Elizab. of Hesse	" 14: 14–20	5	41	♒	9	♀ sets 6 50	14	7	10	4	50	2	7
Tuesday	20	John Williams	" 15:	6	23	♒	23	♃ sets 5 29 ♓	14	7	10	4	50	2	52
Wednesday	21	Columbanus	" 16: 1–8	7	9	♓	8	♄ rises 10 52	14	7	11	4	49	3	31
Thursday	22	J.Oecolampadius	" 16: 9	8	0	♓	22	♆ ☌ ☉. ☉ ent. ♐	14	7	12	4	48	4	18
Friday	23	Clem. Roman	" 17:	8	53	♈	6	Formal south 5 53	13	7	13	4	47	4	58
Saturday	24	John Knox	" 18:	9	48	♈	20	♄ sets 8 6	13	7	14	4	46	5	48

48] *Sunday Before Advent.* Matt. 25: 1–13; 2 Pet. 3: 3–14. *Day's Length, 9 hours, 30 min.*

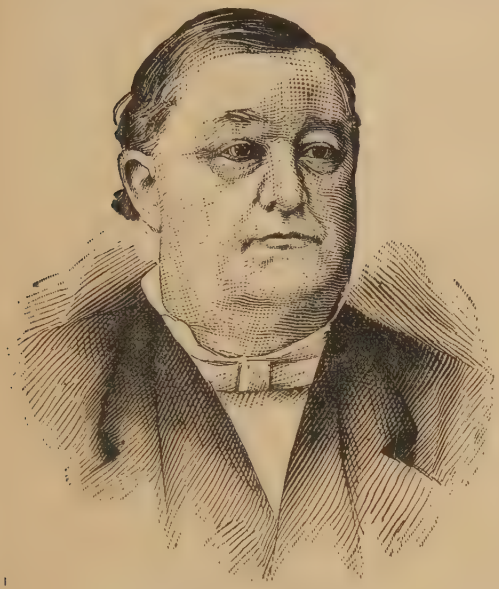
Sunday	25	Catherine	Rev. 19: 1–10	10	31	♉	4	**26.** ♄ ☌ ☽. Rigel rises 7.31	13	7	15	4	45	6	50
Monday	26	Conrad	" 19: 11; 20: 1-13:	11	54	♉	18	♀ sets 6 58	12	7	15	4	45	7	42
Tuesday	27	Marg't Blaarer	" 20: 4	morn.		♊	2	Sirius rises 9 22	12	7	16	4	44	8	27
Wednesday	28	Alex. Roussell	" 21: 1–8	1	28	♊	16	♃ sets 5 5	12	7	17	4	43	9	12
Thursday	29	Saturninus	" 21: 9; 22:	2	36	♊	29	♅ ☌ ☽. ♄ rises 10.28 ☊	11	7	18	4	42	9	57
Friday	30	St. Andrew	Psalm 96:	3	44	♋	13	♄ stationary	11	7	19	4	41	10	42

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon,	3d,	7 o'clock,	2	minutes,	evening.
First Quarter,	10th,	11 "	15	"	forenoon.
Full Moon,	18th,	10 "	15	"	"
Last Quarter,	26th,	12 "	20	"	afternoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, clear; 4, 5, variable; 6, 7, cloudy and rain; 8, 9, fair; 10, cloudy and cold; 11, 12, sunny and windy; 13, 14, clear and cold; 15, 16, rain; 17, 18, 19, variable; 20, 21, clear; 22, 23, snow; 24, 25, 26, 27, rain or snow; 28, 29, mild; 30, variable.



REV. J. H. GOOD, D. D.,
President of Theological Seminary, Tiffin, O.

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STATISTICS.

There were in Japan, in 1886, a total of 52,889 Christians. Of these, 25,633 were Roman Catholics, 12,546 members of the Greek Church and 14,710 Protestants. The progress has been rapid among the Protestants. In 1878 there were 1,617 members; in 1879, 2,966; in 1881, 4,412; in 1882, 4,987; in 1885, 11,678; in 1886, 14,710. In 1878 there were 44 organized churches, of which 12 were self-supporting; in 1881 there were 83, of which 15 were self-supporting; in 1885 there were 168, of which 57 were self-supporting; in 1886 there were 183, of which 64 were self-supporting. In 1878 there were 104 foreign missionaries; in 1881 there were 136; in 1885 there were 184, and in 1886 there were 213.

RENTED PEWS.

It is to be regretted that any person should feel backward about coming to church because they do not hold rented pews. They seem to be afraid lest they should occupy a rented pew, and so crowd the owner out. There is an evil here, we admit, and we venture to suggest two ways of remedying it. The first is to rent a pew, as you may need, and own it yourself. Do not say you can't afford it Pews are so cheap that almost any member is able to ren one, or part of one. The simple payment of five cents a week will secure a seat. There are few who cannot pay this much, if they are willing.

The second way to remedy this evil is for pew-holders to make strangers, and such members as can't rent a pew, or think they can't, feel welcome to a seat anywhere, and if they chance to sit in a rented pew, for the owner to feel and manifest his pleasure in seeing his pew filled, and to make himself perfectly at home, and take a seat elsewhere—in front, not back in the church.

SPECIAL CHURCH-BUILDING FUNDS.

Several church-building funds of $500 each are now in the hands of the treasurer of the tri-synodic Board.

These are called,—The First Special Church-building Fund, The Virginia Classis Church-building Fund, and Emanuel's Hanover Church-building Fund.

This money can be loaned only to missions under this Board and on first mortgage, payable within ten years in easy installments.

☞LEARN to entwine with your prayers the small cares, the trifling sorrows, the little wants of daily life. Whatever affects you, be it a changed look, an altered tone, an unkind word, a wrong, a wound, a demand you cannot meet, a change you cannot notice, a sorrow you cannot disclose, turn it into prayer, and send it up to God. Disclosures you may not make to man you can make to the Lord. Man may be too little for your great matters; God is not too great for your small ones. Only give yourself to prayer, whatever be the occasion that calls for it.

DECEMBER, *12th Month, 31 Days.* 1888

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R & S h. m.	Moon's Place. s. a.	Aspects of Planets, and other Miscellaneous Matter.	s. fs. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	HIGH WATER. Phila. h. m.
Saturday	1 Eligius	Psalm 145:	4 48	26	☿ ☌ ☽. Regulus rises 10.44	11	7 19	4 41	11 27
49] *First Sunday in Advent.*		Matt. 21: 8–11; Rom. 13: 1–14.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 20 min.*				
Sunday	2 John Ruysbrock	John 1: 1–14	5 54	9	☽ in Per. Altair sets 9.33	11	7 20	4 40	12 23
Monday	3 Gerhard Groot	Gen. 2: 4–25	☽ sets	22	**3.** ♃ ☌ ☽. ♄ in Per.	10	7 20	4 40	1 16
Tuesday	4 Gerh. v Zütphen.	Matt. 19: 1–12	6 5	4	7* so. 10 56 ♒	10	7 21	4 39	1 57
Wednesday	5 Crispin	Eph. 5: 22–33	7 12	16	♀ ☌ ☽. ♀ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	9	7 21	4 39	2 43
Thursday	6 Nicholas	1 Cor. 7:	8 18	28	♄ ☌ ☽. ♄ sets 8 1	9	7 22	4 38	3 32
Friday	7 Paulus Odontius	Gen. 3:	9 26	10	♀ sets 7 18	8	7 22	4 38	4 29
Saturday	8 Mart. Rinkard	" 8: 15 to 9: 17	10 30	22	♃ ☌ ☉. ♄ rises 9 53	8	7 23	4 37	5 15
50] *Second Sunday in Advent.*		Luke 21: 25–33; Rom. 15: 4–13.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 14 min.*				
Sunday	9 Benj. Schmolck	Acts 17: 15–34	11 41	4	Arietas south 8 52	8	7 23	4 37	6 9
Monday	10 Paul Eber	Gen. 15:	morn.	16	**10.** ☿ in ♍. Formal sets 9 49	7	7 23	4 37	6 54
Tuesday	11 Hen. v. Zütphen	Deut. 5:	12 36	28	♀ sets 7 28	7	7 24	4 36	7 43
Wednesday	12 Spiridion	Exodus 12:	1 44	10	♄ sets 7 58 ♍	6	7 24	4 36	8 28
Thursday	13 Odilia	Deut. 27:	2 34	23	Markab. sets 12 24	6	7 24	4 36	9 13
Friday	14 Dioscorus	Romans 7	3 12	6	♃ rises 6 48	5	7 24	4 36	9 58
Saturday	15 Christiana	Leviticus 16:	3 58	19	☽ in apo. Nep. ☌ ☽	5	7 24	4 36	10 43
51] *Third Sunday in Advent.*		Matt. 11: 2–10; 1 Cor. 4: 1–5.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 min.*				
Sunday	16 Adelheid	Isa. 40: John 5:	4 50	3	♄ rises 9 21	4	7 25	4 35	11 28
Monday	17 Sturm	1 Peter 1: 3–12	5 51	17	☿ ☌ ♃. ♀ ☍ sets 7.37	4	7 25	4 35	12 19
Tuesday	18 Lou. v. Seckendorf	2 Samuel 7:	☽ rises	2	**18.** Spica rises 2 29	3	7 25	4 35	1 15
Wednesday	19 Cl. Alexandrinus	Joel 3:	5 50	17	♃ rises 6 37	3	7 25	4 35	2 4
Thursday	20 Abraham	Jeremiah 23:	6 46	2	☿ in Aphelion	2	7 25	4 35	2 49
Friday	21 Thomas	" 31:	7 42	17	☉ ent. ♑. Shortest Day	2	7 26	4 34	3 30
Saturday	22 Hugh McKail	Isa. 52: 13; 53:	8 41	2	♄ ☌ ☽. Winter begins	1	7 25	4 35	4 15
52] *Fourth Sunday in Advent.*		John 1: 19–34; Phil. 4: 4–7.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 min.*				
Sunday	23 Anna du Bourg	John 3: 23–33	9 45	15	♄ sets 7 46	1	7 25	4 35	5 2
Monday	24 Adam and Eve	Isaiah 42:	10 49	29	♄ rises 8 52	Sun	7 25	4 35	5 47
Tuesday	25 *Christmas*	Is. 9: 2-7; Heb. 1:	11 54	13	♀ sets 7 50	Sl.	7 25	4 35	6 33
Wednesday	26 Stephen	Psalm 2; 110:	morn.	26	**26.** ♃ rises 6.18 ♌	1	7 25	4 35	7 30
Thursday	27 St. John Evang.	Isaiah 41:	12 48	10	♅ ☌ ☽. Wega sets 8.50	1	7 25	4 35	8 14
Friday	28 Innocents	" 49:	1 39	23	☿ ☌ ☉ superior	2	7 24	4 36	8 52
Saturday	29 David	Romans 8:	2 29	6	Sirius rises 8 8	2	7 24	4 36	9 43
53] *Sunday After Christmas.*		Matt. 1: 18–25; Gal. 4: 1–17.			*Day's Length, 9 hours, 12 min.*				
Sunday	30 Christian of Wurtemburg	1 Cor. 8: 1–16	3 27	18	♄ rises 8 22	3	7 24	4 36	10 14
Monday	31 John Wicliff	Psalm 90:	4 24	1	☽ ☍ Per. ♃ ☌ ☉ in Per. ♒	4	7 24	4 36	10 59

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon,	3d,	5	o'clock,	5	minutes,	morning.
First Quarter,	10th,	1	"	45	"	"
Full Moon,	18th,	5	"	40	"	"
Last Quarter,	26th,	12	"	59	"	"

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, fair; 3, 4, rain; 5, 6, variable; 7, 8, 9, cloudy, with snow; 10, 11, clear; 12, 13, rain; 14, 15, 16, cold; 18, 19, 20, cloudy, with rain; 21, 22, 23, clear; 24, 25, fair; 26, 27, 28, frosty; 29, 30, 31, variable.

(♃) Jupiter is in conjunction with the Sun on the 8th, and cannot be seen.

DECEMBER.

ORPHANS' HOMES.

We can point with just pride as a Church, to the Homes set up and maintained by the Church for the care and comfort of our orphan children. We now have four, all in a good condition, whereas, a few years ago we had only one, and further back still, none. They need the support, the interest and prayers of our people. Let them be remembered!

Bethany Orphans' Home, (Womelsdorf, Pa.)

This was our first Home for orphans. Rev. Boehringer, as we see, was ts founder. He did a noble work. Since then 408 orphans have gone out from this Home. This year it will celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary. It will be a jubilee time. It is proposed to have a reunion of all who have been inmates of the Home. The Superintendent will be glad to receive any information concerning the children, or any facts connected with its history.

Rev. EMANUEL C. BOEHRINGER,
Founder of first Orphans' Home, Philadelphia, in 1863, now Bethany Orphans' Home, Womelsdorf, Pa., Died October 25th, 1864.

St. Paul's Orphans' Home.—(Butler, Pa.)

This, our second Home for orphans, is in a flourishing condition. It has many friends and generous supporters. Improvements are, from to time, being made in its buildings, so that the comfort of all is wisely and carefully considered.

The Reformed Home.—(Fort Wayne, Ind.)

This, our third Home, has a beautiful location and a well-adapted house. It is steadily increasing the number of its inmates, and winning to its support many friends and well-wishers.

Zoar.—(Detroit, Mich.)

This Home is for adults and orphans. The Superintendent is self-denying and earnest in his endeavors to make the Home a comfortable retreat for its inmates. It has twenty-one aged persons with the children.

CHRISTMAS.

As Christmas comes once again, in our joy let us not forget others who have not our joy, and no means to bring them cheer. Let us think of the poor—especially the orphans. We can spare something for them.

CHURCH PAPER.

Does the Church paper pay you its weekly visits? If it does not, why is it? You lose much by not allowing it to do so. Subscribe for it at once: $2.00 per year. Have your pastor send for it for you, and pay for it in *advance!* You will not regret it.

PREMIUM TRACTS,
Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

Circulate them! Send for a supply of each. Pastors would do well, as also pious laymen, to have a good supply of them in their pockets to hand them out as they go about their daily duties.

God shows His kindness to us each day,
As through life's journey we take our way.
So, too, let us in kindness and in love
To the orphan child a blessing prove.

☞When we come to the end of life we must leave behind us all earthly things on which our time and affections were bestowed. Houses, lands, bonds, friends and loved ones must all be left. We can carry none of these with us on this last journey. But there is one thing we will carry—our characters. If we have lived away from Christ, in carelessness and sin, all our wealth, honors and comforts will not recompense us for the lost, scarred and ruined characters with which we must enter eternity. Better for a man never to have lived than to have lived to reject Christ.

☞If you have money or property, do not let it rule thee. Let God rule in thee, and do thou rule over thy goods.

ORPHAN HOMES OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

NAME.	LOCATION.	SUPERINTENDENT.	NUMBER OF ORPHANS.
Bethany	Womelsdorf, Berks County, Pa.	Rev. T. M. Yundt	80
St. Paul's	Butler, Butler County, Pa.	Rev. P. C. Prugh	74
Reformed	Fort Wayne, Ind.	Rev. J. Rettig	42
Zoar	Detroit, Mich.	Rev. Wm. Hansen	42

NECROLOGY.

From September 1st, 1886, to August 31st, 1887.

KLINGLER, REV. JOHN.—Born July 21st, 1818, Jackson Township, Perry Co., Ohio. Received common school education. Licensed and ordained ——. First charge, Redding, O.; (2) Ada, O., also served some congregations in Hardin and Allen Counties, O.; (3) Upper Sandusky, twelve years in all; (4) Stoutsville, O., five years. Retired on account of ill-health. Removed to Upper Sandusky, O. Married Susan Struble, 1838. Had nine children; six with their mother, survive him. Died Nov. 20th, 1886, aged 68 years, 4 months and 29 days. Buried at Upper Sandusky, O.

MAUCH, *Lic.*, MAURICE, W.—Born July 2d, 1861. Graduated at Franklin and Marshall College, 1883, and Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., 1886. Licensed in 1886. On account of ill-health was unable to enter the cative duties of the ministry. Was unmarried. Died December 6th, 1886, at Lancaster, Pa. Aged 25 years, 5 months and 4 days. Buried at Hellertown, Pa.

ZEHRING, REV. JACOB D.—Born in Lebanon Co., Pa., July 25th, 1817. Took no college course. Studied theology at Seminary, Mercersburg, Pa. Licensed and ordained 1846. First charge, Palmyra, Pa., two years; (2) Petersburg, Pa., three and one-half years; (3) Hart, Pa., thirteen years; (4) Emanuel, Jefferson, Pa., sixteen years. Retired and lived at Codorus, York Co., Pa. Married in 1847 to Elizabeth Gingreig, who died in 1856; they had three children. Married again to Catherine Kline, they had two children. Died Feb., 5th, 1887, aged 69 years, 6 months and 10 days. Buried at Jefferson, Pa.

GROSSHUSCH, REV. TILLMAN.—Born in Newkirchen at Mems, Duesgeldorf, Rhine, Prussia, in 1818. Came to this country in 1847. Had no regular education. Studied theology three years, first year at Seminary, Tiffin, O., and other years under Rev. J. Bossard, D. D. Licensed and ordained 1857. First charge, Rochester, N. Y., seven years; (2) Ebenezer, N. Y., two years; (3) Salem, Manitowoc Co., Wis., six years; (4) Zanesville, Ind., one year; (5) Grand Prairie, Ills., five years; (6) Linton, Ills., five years; (7) Salem, Wis., till his death. Died at Timothy, Wis., March 30th, 1887, aged 69 years.

KELLER, REV. HENRY.—Son of Henry and Margaret Keller. Born in Boalsburg, Pa., September 26th, 1850. Prepared for college at Academy, Boalsburg, Pa. Graduated at Franklin and Marshall College in 1874, and at Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., 1877. Licensed, 1877; ordained, 1879. First and only charge, Maquoketa, Iowa. Climate impaired his health. Came East, engaged in teaching several years, and by permission of Classis, studied and practiced law in courts of Centre County. Was unmarried. Died at Boalsburg, April 20th, 1887, aged 36 years, 6 months and 24 days. Buried at Boalsburg, Pa.

JOHNSTON, D. D., REV. T. S.—Son of Thomas and Mary Johnston. Born in Philadelphia, Pa., August 4th, 1818. Preparatory studies by private tutors. Licensed by Methodist Episcopal Church, serving in its ministry 16 years. Next entered the ministry of the Presbyterian Church, and became pastor of a church in West Philadelphia, and served it for eleven years. In 1864 became pastor of St. John's Reformed Church, Lebanon, Pa., which he served twenty-one years. Retired in 1885 and devoted his whole time to the duties of Secretary of Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. His widow, formerly Miss H. R. Frailey, of Philadelphia, Pa., and two sons and four daughters survive him. Died June 11th, 1887, aged 68 years, 8 months and 7 days. Buried at Lebanon, Pa.

HITTEL, M. ZWINGLI.—Son of Jacob and Charlotte Hittel. Born in Douglass Twp., Montgomery Co., Pa., September 3d, 1857. Studied at Academy, Boyertown, Pa., Perkiomen Seminary, and graduated at Theological Seminary, Tiffin, O., in 1885. Licensed and ordained in 1885. First charge, Lima, O., nine months; (2) and last, Chambersburg, Pa., nine months. Died July 31st, 1887, aged 29 years, 8 months, and 28 days. Buried at Huber's Church, Montgomery Co., Pa.

PRINCIPAL EVENTS IN THE CHURCH

From September 1st, 1886, to August 31st, 1887.

1886.

Sept. 2—Opening of the Fall Session of Franklin and Marshall College. Opening address by Rev. Prof. J. S. Stahr, Ph. D.; subject, "The Scope of Science."

" 6—Laying corner-stone of Mt. Union Church, Rev. R. C. Bowling, Pastor.

" 7-8—Semi-Centennial and Re-union at Mercersburg College, Mercersburg, Pa.

" 8—Laying corner-stone of Bethel Church, Hickory Charge, N. C., Rev. L. Reiter, Pastor.

" " Annual meeting of German Synod of the East, Buffalo, N. Y.; Rev. A. E. Dahlman, Pres't. Rev. C. Borchers, Stated Clerk.

" 25-26—One hundred and sixty-sixth anniversary of White Oak Congregation, Lancaster, Pa., Rev. D. C. Tobias, Pastor.

" 29—Annual Meeting of the Synod of Pittsburg, Butler, Pa., Rev. J. F. Snyder, President, and Rev. J. M. Schick, Stated Clerk.

" " Annual Meeting of Central Synod, Salem Church, Cincinnati, O.; Rev. H. Nau, President, and Rev. J. Bachman, Stated Clerk.

Oct. 3—Dedication of new Church, Freeland, Rev. L. C. Edmonds, Pastor.

" 5—Annual Meeting of the Synod of the Potomac, Mercersburg, Pa.; Rev. W. Goodrich, President, and Rev. W. M. Deatrick, Stated Clerk.

" 6—Granting of Charter of Wichita University, Kansas.

" 13—Annual Meeting of the Synod of the United States, Church of the Strangers, West Philadelphia; Rev. E.V. Gerhart, D. D., President, and Rev. J. P. Stein, Stated Clerk.

" " Annual Meeting of the Synod of Ohio, Cedarville, Ill.; Rev. D. S. Fouse, President, Rev. I. H. Reiter, D.D., Stated Clerk.

" 17—Laying of the corner-stone of St. Paul's Church, Kansas City, Mo.; Rev. R. L. Gerhart, Pastor.

" " Dedication of Bethel Mission Chapel, 21st and Tasker Sts., Philadelphia. Rev. D. Van Horne, D.D., officiating.

1886.

Oct. 24—Dedication of Trinity Church, Roxbury, Somerset Co., Pa., Rev. J. S. Wagner, Pastor, who was pastor at the time of the laying of the corner-stone, May 17th, 1886. (This latter clause to correct error in record of last year.)

" " Dedication of St. Mark's Church, Cresson, Pa., Rev. J. A. Reber, Pastor.

Nov. 14—Dedication of St. Stephen's Church, Perkasie, Pa., Rev. J. G. Dengler, Pastor.

" 19—Dedication of Bethel Church, Hickory Charge, N. C., Rev. Lewis Reiter, Pastor.

" 20—Death of Rev. J. Klingler at Upper Sandusky, O.

" 28—Dedication of Mt. Union Church, Armstrong Co., Pa., Rev. R. C. Bowling, Pastor.

" " Dedication of Church in the Augusta Charge, near Sunbury, Pa., Rev. G. P. Hartzell, Pastor.

" " Laying of corner-stone of Grace Chapel, York, Pa., Rev. J. O. Miller, D. D., Pastor.

Dec. 6—Death of Licentiate Maurice W. Mauch, Lancaster, Pa.

1887.

Jan. 12—Death of Elder T. J. Craig, Treasurer of Pittsburg Synod.

Feb. 5—Death of Rev. J. D. Zehring, Codorus, Pa.

" " Dedication of Grace Church, Abilene, Kan., Rev. T. F. Stauffer, Pastor.

" 20—Dedication of Trinity Church, Watsontown, Pa., Rev. G. S. Sorber, Pastor.

Mar. 13—Dedication of Zion's Church, near Dayton, O., Rev. J. B. Henry, Pastor.

" 26—New Church at Hickory, N. C., burned.

" 30—Death of Rev. T. Grosshusch, Timothy, Wis.

April 3—Dedication at Smyrna, N. C.

" 20 Death of Rev. H. Keller, Boalsburg, Pa.

May 8—Dedication of Salem Church, Uniontown, Pa., Rev. W. G. Engle, Pastor.

" " Dedication of Church, Concord, N. C.

" " Dedication of Mt. Gilead Church, Cabarrus Co., N. C.

" 12—Anniversary of Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., *five* graduates.

PRINCIPAL EVENTS—Continued.

1887.

May 15—Dedication of Auditorium of Heidelberg Ch'rch, 19th and Oxford Sts., Philadelphia, Rev. J. I. Good, Pastor.

" " Dedication of Martha Memorial Church, New York City, Rev. F. Fox, Pastor.

" 19—Laying corner-stone of Church, Limestone Twp, Clarion Co., Pa.

" 22—Laying corner-stone of Brown Memorial Ch'rch, Wichita, Kan., Rev. J. W. Love, Pastor.

" 30—Arrival at San Francisco, Cal., of Rev. A. D. Gring and family, Missionaries in Japan, on their first visit home.

June 1—Meeting of General Synod, Akron, O., Rev. G. W. Welker, D. D., President, and Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., Eng. Stated Clerk, Rev. J. Dahlman, D. D., Ger. Stated Clerk.

" 5—Dedication of Church at Troxellville, Pa., Rev. W. M. Landis, Pastor.

" 10—Annual Commencement of Mercersburg College, Mercersburg, Pa., Rev. G. W. Aughinbaugh, D. D., President; *six* graduates.

" 11—Death of Rev. T. S. Johnston, D. D., Secretary of Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, Lebanon, Pa.

" 12–16—Centennial and Semi-Centennial Festivities and Annual Commencement of Franklin and Marshall College, Rev. T. G. Apple, D. D., LL. D., President, Lancaster, Pa.; *sixteen* graduates.

" 15—Annual Commencement of Palatinate College, Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, President, Myerstown, Pa.,

" 16—Annual Commencement of Heidelberg College, Rev. G. W. Williard, President, Tiffin, O. — graduates.

" 21—Closing Exercises of Clarion Collegiate Institute, Rev. W. W. Deatrick, A. M., Principal, Rimersburg, Clarion Co., Pa.

" 23—Annual Commencement of Ursinus College, Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., LL. D., President, Collegeville, Pa.; *six* graduates.

" 29—Twenty-fifth Jubilee Anniversary of Emanuel Church, (German) West Philadelphia, Rev. J. B. Kniest, D. D., Pastor.

July 1—Annual Commencement of Allentown Female College, Rev. Wm. M. Reily, Ph. D., President, Allentown, Pa., *five* graduates.

" 3—Dedication of Church, Manor Station, Pa., Rev. A. E. Truxal, Pastor.

" 24—Dedication of Church, Saxton, Pa., Rev. I. N. Peightel, Pastor.

Aug. 9–16—Conference of Ministers at Mercersburg, Pa.

" 25—Anniversary of Bethany Orphans' Home, Rev. T. M. Yundt, Supt, Womelsdorf, Pa.

FORM FOR BEQUESTS.

In making a bequest to one or more benevolent objects it is important that a proper form be used; otherwise the intent of the testator may be defeated. Hence we suggest the following:

"I give and bequeath to the 'Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States,' located at Lancaster, Pa., the sum of ——— dollars; to 'Franklin and Marshall College,' located at Lancaster, Pa., the sum of ——— dollars; to the 'Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church of the United States,' of which Elder W. H. Seibert, of Harrisburg, Pa., is at present Treasurer, the sum of ——— dollars; to the 'Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States,' the sum of ——— dollars; to the 'Board of Education of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States,' of which Rev. Charles G. Fisher is at present Treasurer, the sum of ——— dollars; to the 'Board of Education of the Synod of the Potomac, of which Rev. William M. Deatrick is at present Treasurer, the sum of ——— dollars; to the 'Board of Beneficiary Education of the Pittsburg Synod,' of which Rev. Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher is at present Treasurer, the sum of ——— dollars; to the 'Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States,' located in Philadelphia, Pa, the sum of ——— dollars; to the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States,' the sum of ——— dollars; to 'Bethany Orphans' Home,' located at Womelsdorf, Pa., the sum of ——— dollars; and to 'St. Paul's Orphans' Home,' located at Butler, Pa., the sum of ——— dollars. The several sums thus bequeathed to be used by the respective Associations for the general purposes of their organization."

WHAT THEY COST US.

Our 110 missions under all our Home Boards during the last three years in a dozen States and Territories cost $89,541, besides $16,497 for church-building, making a total of over $106,000, or over $35,000 per year.

OUR DUTY.

To do God's will, that's all
That need concern us; not to carp or ask
The meaning of it, but to ply our task
Whatever may befall,
Accepting good or ill as He shall send,
And wait until the end.

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Form of Constitution for Congregational Missionary Society.

ARTICLE I.

This Society shall be known as the Missionary Society of ———— Reformed Church at ————, whose object shall be to advance the cause of missions.

ARTICLE II.

The officers shall be a President, a Vice-President a Secretary, and a Treasurer, to serve one year.

ARTICLE III.

These officers, together with the Pastor as Chairman, shall be an Executive Committee, whose duty shall be: to arrange the program for monthly meetings and anniversary services, to examine and approve all readings, recitations, essays and reports, before they are given in public, and to carry out any instructions given by the Society.

ARTICLE IV.

This Executive Committee shall divide the congregation into several districts, and appoint two persons over each district as collectors, whose duty shall be to secure the names of new members, to collect every month the offerings of all the members and of others who may be monthly contributors, to report their work at each regular meeting and pay over their collections to the Treasurer. These collectors shall serve four months.

ARTICLE V.

Each member shall give as God has prospered him, but not less than five cents a month.

ARTICLE VI.

The Society shall meet on the first Wednesday evening of each month, the Pastor conducting or directing the devotional services, and the President presiding the remainder of the time.

ARTICLE VII.

The program for the regular meetings shall include singing, prayer, reading the Scriptures, reading the minutes, recitations, readings, addresses, report of the collectors, the offerings of those who have not otherwise given, unfinished business, new business.

ARTICLE VIII.

The money raised by this society shall be given only to the work of missions.

ARTICLE IX.

These Articles may be amended at any regular meeting, notice of such amendment having been given at the previous regular meeting.

MEETING OF THE CLASSES.

CLASSES.	PLACE.	TIME.
SYNOD OF UNITED STATES.		
East Pennsylvania	Christ Church, Bath, Pa.	May 25th, 1888.
" Susquehanna	Gratztown, Dauphin Co., Pa.	" 23d, "
Goshenhoppen	Keelor's Church, Montgomery Co., Pa.,	" 4th, "
Lancaster	2d Church, Harrisburg, Pa.	" 24th, "
Lebanon	Annville, Lebanon Co., "	" 24th, "
Lehigh	Alburtis, Lehigh Co., "	June 12th, "
Philadelphia	Pleasantville, Bucks Co., "	May 24th, "
Schuylkill	Reading, Berks Co., "	" 28th, "
Tohickon	Lansdale, Pa.	" 11th, "
West Susquehanna	Boalsburg, Centre Co., Pa.	" 16th, "
Wyoming	Bloomsburg, Columbia Co., Pa.	" 31st, "
SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.		
Allegheny	Harmony, Pa.	May 17th, 1888.
Clarion	Monroe, Clarion Co., Pa.	" 24th, "
St. Paul's	Watson Run, Pa.	" 31st, "
Somerset	Beam's Church, Pa.	" 23d, "
Westmoreland	Delmont, Westmoreland Co., Pa.	" 24th, "
SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.		
Carlisle	St. Peter's Church, Perry Co., Pa.	June 7th, 1888.
Gettysburg	Jefferson, York Co., Pa.	May 2d, "
Juniata	Mann's Choice, Pa.	" 25th, "
Maryland	Union Bridge, Md.	" 28th, "
Mercersburg	Shippensburg, Pa.	" 17th, "
North Carolina	Mount Carmel, N. C.	" 9th, "
Portland—Oregon	Seattle, Washington Territory	June 7th, "
San Francisco	San Francisco, Cal.	" 9th, "
Virginia	Shepherdstown, W. Va.	May 23d, "
Zion's	St. Paul's Church, Paradise Charge, York Co., Pa.	" 25th, "
SYNOD OF OHIO.		
Eastern Ohio	Near Petersburg, Ohio	May 24th, 1888.
Lancaster	Delaware, Ohio.	" 24th, "
Miami	Fairfield, "	" 24th, "
St. Joseph	Plymouth, Ind.	" 30th, "
Tiffin	Payne, Ohio	" 24th, "
Tuscarawas	Reedsburg, "	June 7th, "
SYNOD OF THE NORTH WEST.		
Chicago	Freeport, Ills.	May 8th, 1888.
Indiana	Salem's Church, Louisville, Ky.	" 23d, "
Milwaukee	Springfield Corners, Wisc.	" 31st, "
Minnesota	Berne, Minnesota	May 23d, "
Missouri	Prairie City, Missouri	Aug. 16th, "
Nebraska	Denver, Colorada.	May 31st, "
Sheboygan	Timothy, Wisc.	" 24th, "
Ursinus	Genu Bluffs, Iowa.	May 24th, "
Zion's	Swanton, Ohio	" 24th, "
CENTRAL SYNOD.		
Cincinnati	Covington, Kentucky	May 1st, 1888.
Erie	Youngstown, Ohio	June 13th, "
Heidelberg	St. John's Church, Whetstone Charge, Ohio	May 24th, "
St. John's	Waynesburg, O.	" 24th, "
GERMAN SYNOD OF THE EAST.		
New York	Reformed Church, Suffolk Street, New York City	May 29th, 1888.
German Maryland	St. Paul's Church, Baltimore, Md.	" 1st, "
" Philadelphia	Zion's Church, Philadelphia, Pa.	" 29th, "
West New York	Rochester, New York	" 22d, "
" Pennsylvania	Middle Lancaster, Pa.	" 9th, "
SYNOD OF THE INTERIOR.		
Iowa	Boulder,	Sept. 26th, 1888.
Kansas	Wathena, Kans.	May 24th, "
N. Illinois	Altamont, Ind.	" 23d, "
Wichita	Lyons, Rice Co., Kans.	April 26th, "

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

SYNODS.	Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.		Confirmed.	Certificate.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Erasures of N.	Deaths.	Sunday-Schools.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Students for the Ministry.	Contributions.	
						Infants.	Adults.											Benevolent Purposes.	Congreg'l Purposes.
Synod of U. S. . . .	10	215	458	76,030	44,437	5,858	510	4,268	1,620	64,641	962	1	281	2,284	547	50,655	72	$59,744 00	$301,524 00
Synod of Ohio, . . .	9	147	297	20,691	7,449	858	704	1,633	865	16,217	389	9	526	344	225	17,721	22	14,835 00	77,401 00
Ger. Synod, N. West,	9	117	149	15,708	10,547	1,289	17	905	609	10,517	145	12	387	355	144	8,234	19	10,252 00	59,519 00
Synod of Pittsburgh,	5	58	130	12,989	9,373	810	128	660	412	10,237	290		200	206	103	7,664	11	8,824 00	51,937 00
Sy'd of the Potomac,	10	146	291	30,674	19,271	1,956	311	1,667	841	25,455	509	3	293	653	260	20,204	33	32,911 00	120,544 00
Ger. Sy'd of the East,	5	45	41	12,153	7,195	2,243	10	730	722	9,369	58	1	391	421	45	8,489	7	5,662 00	76,646 00
Central Synod, . .	4	74	115	15,735	10,452	1,185	61	870	513	10,200	198	12	303	375	98	9,728	22	8,893 00	116,750 00
Total, 7 Dis't Synods,	52	802	1,481	183,980	108,724	14,199	1,741	10,733	5,582	146,636	2,551	38	2,381	4,638	1,422	122,695	186	$141,121 00	$804,321 00

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COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

BEING A TRIENNIAL EXHIBIT FOR THE LAST TWENTY-ONE YEARS.

	1866	1869	1872	1875	1878	1881	1884	1887
Synods,	2	3	4	6	6	6	7	7
Classes,	29	31	35	44	45	48	52	54
Ministers,	485	526	586	631	710	762	783	802
Congregations,	1,144	1,179	1,312	1,342	1,369	1,403	1,465	1,481
Members,	109,925	117,910	130,299	142,872	147,788	161,002	169,530	183,980
Members Unconfirmed,	69,765	68,362	73,288	87,120	90,993	96,147	103,112	108,729
Baptisms, given year,	11,175	12,776	12,487	13,500	13,203	14,309	13,682	15,940
Baptisms, in 3 years,	33,638	36,117	38,605	41,272	40,943	43,750	41,825	46,553
Confirmed, given year,	6,845	7,068	7,462	8,766	8,456	9,113	9,233	10,733
Confirmed, in 3 years,	16,756	20,183	23,247	25,233	26,753	28,240	27,223	30,558
Certificate, given year,	2,421	3,592	3,369	3,733	3,716	4,113	5,043	5,582
Certificate, in 3 years,	6,205	8,779	9,889	10,912	11,184	12,263	14,046	16,472
Communed,	91,547	96,728	109,507	116,000	120,681	132,709	136,897	146,436
Dismissed, given year,	1,244	1,637	1,454	1,725	1,566	2,249	2,122	2,551
Dismissed, in 3 years,	2,975	4,459	4,762	5,000	5,185	5,791	5,819	7,250
Excommunicated or Erased, given year,	196	144	318	387	174	1,626	1,767	2,419
Excommunicated or Erased, in 3 years,	500	528	722	920	1,711	4,436	5,578	6,469
Deaths, given year,	4,207	3,773	4,425	4,494	4,887	4,591	4,787	4,638
Deaths, in 3 years,	13,486	11,186	12,594	12,000	14,102	14,492	15,292	14,207
Sunday-Schools,	939	1,020	1,021	1,220	1,237	1,346	1,378	1,422
Sunday-School Scholars,	34,000	49,000	63,038	75,868	89,982	103,511	114,720	122,695
Students for Ministry,	. . . .	. . . .	75	123	157	141	145	186
Beneficial Contributions, given year,	$60,977	$74,453	$86,650	$79,680	$61,727	73,400	101,148	$ 141,122
Beneficial Contributions, in 3 years,	202,718	228,818	247,387	253,766	207,417	194,869	327,899	382,493
Congregational Purposes, given year,	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	310,000	531,929	630,189	779,572	804,321
Congregational Purposes, in 3 years,	. . . .	. . . .	. . . .	700,000	1,305,905	1,738,213	2,193,018	2,298,228

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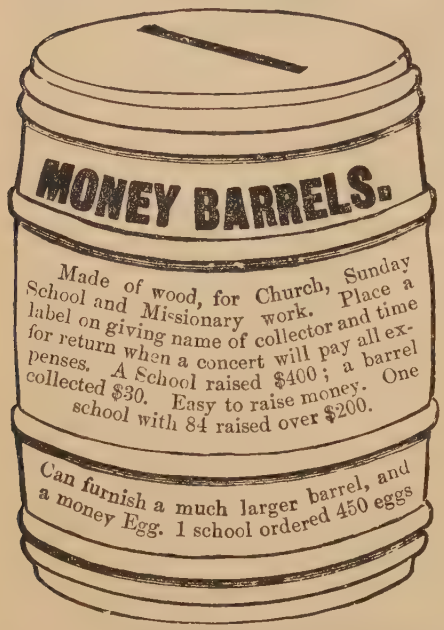

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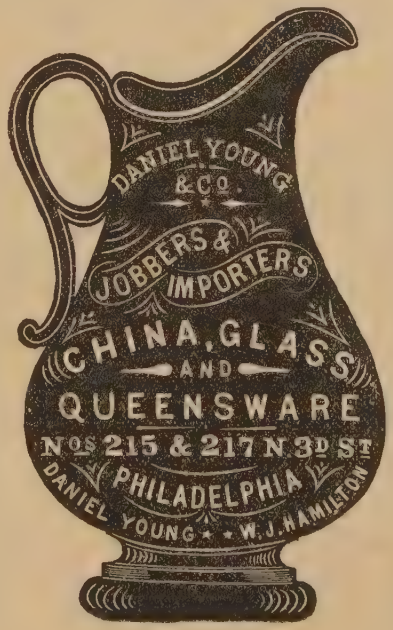

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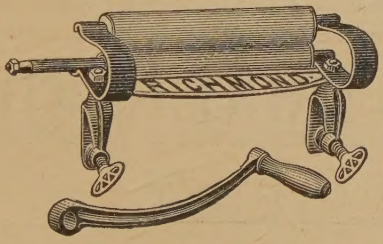

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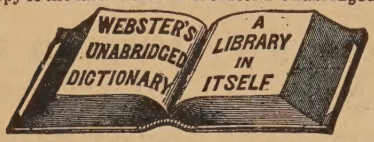

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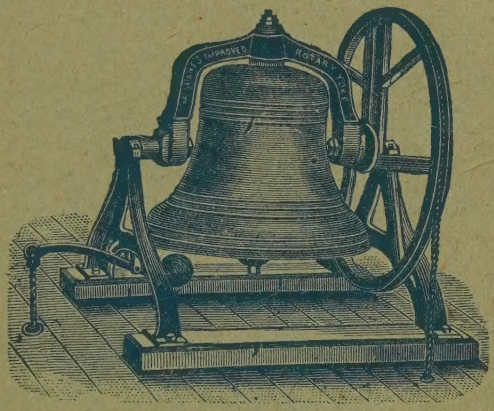

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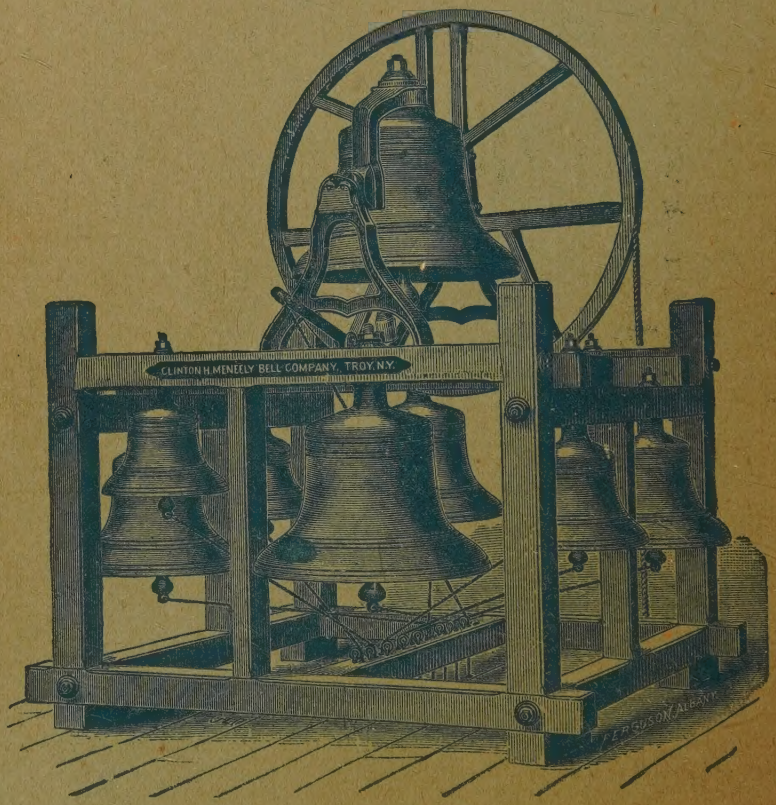

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